

## Before The Installation

- Uses Microsoft DirectX 3a video and audio drivers. It is important that you check with your audio and video card manufacturer to determine if your hardware will support DirectX. Please see the [DirectX 3a](#) section in this file for more information.
- Should not be installed to a compressed drive.
- Please make sure your computer system is 100% Windows 95-compatible; *Twinsen's Odyssey* for Windows 95 is not compatible with Windows 3.1.
- To operate best, *Twinsen's Odyssey* requires that your system have the latest Windows 95 32-bit drivers for your CD-ROM drive, sound, and video card. If you have any problems running the program, outdated drivers are the most likely cause.
- If you need help obtaining the latest sound and video drivers, check out the [Vendor List](#).

## **Can I listen to the game soundtrack on my audio CD player?**

Yes. The game music is streamed from the CD. Starting with track 2, all the music tracks will play on an audio CD player.

## Can I run the game without the CD in the drive?

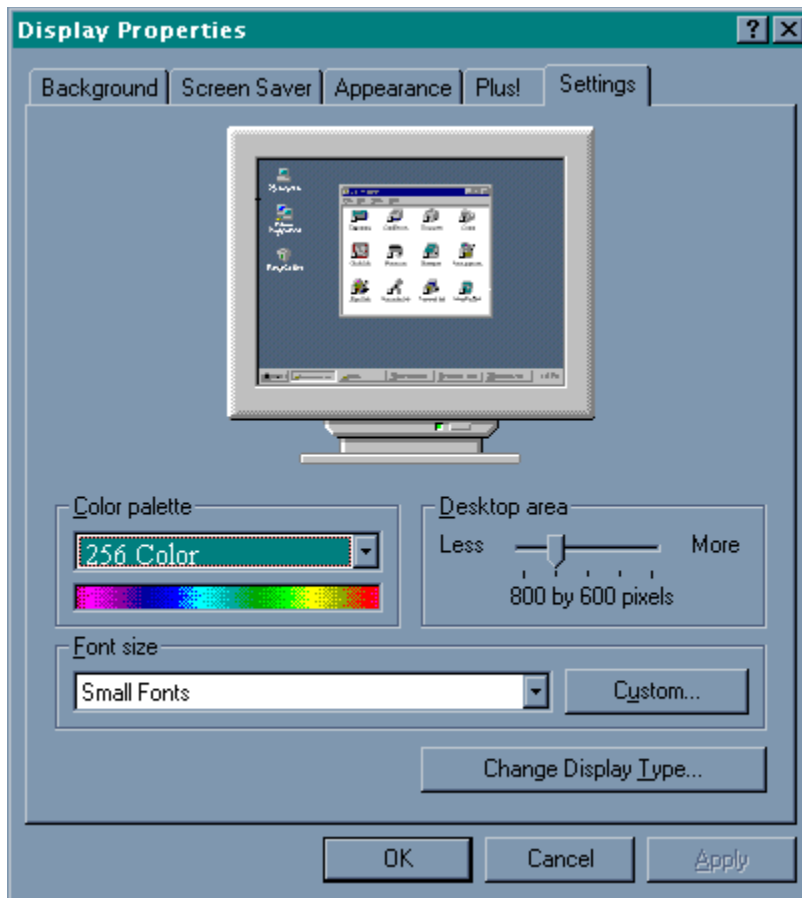
The *Twinsen's Odyssey* CD must remain in the CD-ROM drive at all times in order to run *Twinsen's Odyssey*. The game accesses files from the CD during gameplay. Therefore, there is no way to play without a CD in the drive.

## Color Settings

This game utilizes the Direct Draw libraries of Microsoft's DirectX. Some video cards do not yet have driver support for Direct Draw. Updated drivers are being developed by manufacturers to remedy this. To obtain information on these updates, contact your [Video Card Manufacturer](#) and download their latest Windows 95 drivers for your video card. If you are not sure about your video card or its capabilities, please refer to the section called [Check Your Display Type Settings](#) for more information, or contact your [Video Card Manufacturer](#).

### To Change Your Color Setting:

You need to change the **Color palette** box of the window shown below to at least 256 Color. To go to the Display Properties window to change it, [click here](#).



If you choose to make this change at some other time, you can always return to this Help file and try again, or follow the steps listed below to access these settings.

1. Place your mouse cursor over an empty area of your desktop and click the right mouse button. At the bottom of the list that appears, click on **Properties**. This will bring up the Display Properties window. You can also bring this window up by clicking on the **Display** icon in the Control Panel.

2. Choose the **Settings** tab and change the color setting to 256 Color as shown in the **Color palette** box above.

If you have a video card that supports 256 Color, but you cannot select this as an option, check to see that you have the most updated Windows 95 video driver.

# Common Audio Problems

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You may encounter choppy gameplay if your sound card is not **100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible**. 8 bit sound cards are not supported with this game (e.g. Sound Blaster and Sound Blaster PRO compatible). You may want to contact your **sound card manufacturer** to see if your card is 100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible.

Half of the problems with sound cards are remedied by newer sound card drivers. This is highly recommended and is usually free and easy to do. You can contact your **sound card manufacturer** for details.

## **Game Specific:**

**Can I listen to the game soundtrack on my audio CD player?**

**The sounds are distorted and/or the movies are choppy. What can I do?**

**I have a Media Vision Pro Audio Spectrum 16. The sound and movies are choppy. What should I do?**

## **General:**

**Installing a new sound card.**

**I just installed a new sound card. How come I'm not getting any sound?**

**Checking Your Sound Card For Conflicting Settings.**

**I have only partial or no sound when running the game.**

**I have a Diamond Telecommander sound/modem card and it does not work with the game. What do I do?**

**I have a Packard Bell with little and/or no sound when playing the game.**

**I have an Advanced Gravis UltraSound ACE and I am experiencing severe lock-up problems.**

**Why is the sound fuzzy on my Sound Blaster Pro 2 sound card?**

## Common CD-ROM Problems

If you encounter any CD-ROM drive problems, make sure you have the latest 32-bit CD-ROM drivers installed. Most problems are the result of 16-bit CD-ROM drivers. To see if your computer is using 16-bit drivers, follow these steps:

1. Right mouse click on **MY COMPUTER**
2. Choose **Properties**
3. Select the **Performance** tab

If **File System** does not state "32-bit", then you need to update your CD-ROM drivers. Please contact your **CD-ROM drive manufacturer** for details.

# Common Input Device Problems

## Game Specific:

[How do I set up my joystick or game pad?](#)

## General:

[General Troubleshooting for Joysticks and Game Pads](#)

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[Mouse](#)



# Common Tips & Troubleshooting for General Issues

## Game Specific:

[Can I run \*Twinsen's Odyssey\* on Windows 3.1, Windows NT or OS/2?](#)

[Can I run the game without a CD in the drive?](#)

[Why does the game sometimes quit to the desktop?](#)

[The taskbar hides a portion of the game window. Can I fix this?](#)

## General:

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[Ctrl-Alt-Del locks up my system.](#)

[How can I improve performance?](#)

[Where do I go for game updates and/or patches?](#)

# Common Troubleshooting Tips

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 issues 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 and/or DirectX. The following troubleshooting tips are intended to assist you in resolving some of the common issues that occur with the Windows 95 operating system and the game.

**Installation** - This focuses on basic problems that might occur during the installation process.

**DirectX 3a** - This explains the DirectX 3a process and provides general answers to frequently asked questions.

**Autoplay** - Go here if you are encountering problems with the title screen appearing automatically.

**Video** - Go here if you are encountering video related problems.

**Audio** - Go here if you are encountering audio related problems.

**CD-ROM** - Go here if you are encountering CD-ROM related problems.

**Input Devices** - Go here if you are encountering input device related problems (e.g. mouse, joystick, or gamepads).

**General Issues** - Commonly asked questions.

# Common Video Card Problems

Many of the problems with video cards are remedied by installing newer video card drivers. This is highly recommended and is usually free and easy to do. Contact your [video card manufacturer](#) for details.

## **Game Specific:**

### **Matrox Millennium error with DirectX 3**

I am having problems with my ATI Mach64, STB Powergraph64, or Diamond Multimedia video card. What should I do?

When I launch into the game, the screen goes black and freezes.

Why do I have wavy lines across my screen when I play the game?

How do I set my display for 256 Color?

## **General:**

The images are very choppy and slow while playing the game.

I installed a new video card, and the game doesn't look right. What do I do?

Changing the standard Windows 95 cursors causes video corruption.

When I launch the game from the title screen or from the taskbar, my screen stays blank and the game doesn't start. What should I do?

Game graphics are faded and/or strange in appearance.

The fonts are too large and/or extend off the screen.

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3. Honey Bee
4. Emerald Moon
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## Customer Support

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about *Twinsen's Odyssey* or any other Activision product, please feel free to contact us. If you are experiencing difficulty playing the game, please consult this help file before contacting Customer Support. The help file contains the answers to some of our most frequently asked questions and may quickly provide a solution to your problem. If, after reviewing the *Twinsen's Odyssey* Help file, you are still experiencing problems, please feel free to contact us through any of the services listed. So that we can better help you, please be at your computer and have the following information ready:

1. Complete product title
2. Exact error message reported (if any) and a brief description of the problem

3. Your computer's processor type and speed (e.g. Pentium 90MHz)
4. Video and sound card makes and models (e.g. Diamond Stealth 64 video, Sound Blaster 16 sound...)

**Customer Support:**

[North America](#)

[Australia and Pacific Rim](#)

For Technical Support and Customer Service in areas not listed, please contact your local distributor or Activision via online (please note online support is in English only).

**Locations for Updates and Patches:**

[Where do I go for Game Updates or Patches?](#)

# DirectX 3a

Upon completion of the *Twinsen's Odyssey* setup, the installation process will continue by determining if Microsoft DirectX 3a needs to be installed on your computer. If so, the Microsoft DirectX 3a setup program will install the appropriate files on your computer. If you choose not to install DirectX 3a, and you find that later you need to install DirectX 3a, follow these directions. With the *Twinsen's Odyssey* disc in your CD-ROM drive, install Microsoft DirectX 3a by right mouse clicking on the *Twinsen's Odyssey* CD icon to get the Context menu. From that menu, select **Install DirectX**.

## Who makes DirectX and how can I contact them?

Microsoft created DirectX. If the answer to the question you are looking for is not found on this page, you may want to contact Microsoft via mail at:

Microsoft Customer Sales and Service  
One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, WA 98052-6399, USA

Microsoft can also be reached in the USA at (800) 426-9400, or internationally at +1(206) 882-8080.

## What is DirectX and why do I need it?

Microsoft's DirectX 3a is an API (Application Programming Interface) set that increases the speed at which games play under the Windows 95 operating system. These APIs allow direct access to the enhanced features of hardware under Windows 95. With DirectX 3a, a program has instant access to the hardware, allowing for great advances in graphics, sound, video, 3-D, and network capabilities of games.

Since Windows 95 and DirectX 3a are relatively new in the computer world and have not achieved compatibility with some older video cards, many manufacturers are releasing updated drivers for Windows 95 to meet the DirectX standard. If you are not sure about your video card's compatibility, consult the company that makes your video card.

If the Microsoft DirectX Installer does not detect DirectX 3a on your computer, it can install DirectX 3a for you. After installation is complete, you will need to restart your computer in order for DirectX 3a to take effect.

If you have other Windows 95 games on your computer, chances are you already have an earlier version of DirectX installed on your computer. In this case, the Microsoft Installer will overwrite that version with DirectX 3a. The DirectX installation process will then be complete. You will need to restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

If you already have DirectX 3a installed on your computer, the Microsoft DirectX 3a installer will detect it and not overwrite any DirectX 3a files. You will not need to restart your computer after installation in order to run *Twinsen's Odyssey*.

DirectX 3a should not affect any titles designed for the original version of DirectX. Should you encounter difficulties with DirectX 3a, please contact Microsoft for further information.

## How do I check to see if my computer supports DirectX?

1. Place the disc in the CD-ROM drive and exit from any autoplay screens.
2. Double-click on "My Computer".
3. Right-click on your CD-ROM drive and choose Install DirectX.



If any of the components of DirectX are not certified, please call your hardware manufacturer for the updated drivers that support DirectX.

**I am having problems with running *Twinsen's Odyssey* and think it might be related to my Direct X installation. What should I do?**

If you experience problems running *Twinsen's Odyssey*, try turning off the "Enable 3D Acceleration" option in the DirectX setup program. To disable 3D Acceleration, double click on the dxsetup icon located in **Program Files\DirectX\Setup**. Uncheck the option for 3D acceleration in the middle of the DXSetup window.

**I have heard DirectX is not compatible with some video cards. What can you tell me about that?**

Windows 95 and DirectX are relatively new in the computer world and have not achieved compatibility with some older video cards. Many manufacturers are releasing updated drivers to meet the DirectX standard. If you are not sure about your video card's compatibility, consult the [Vendor List](#) for the company that makes your video card.

**If I don't have DirectX, will *Twinsen's Odyssey* install it for me?**

Yes. If the Microsoft DirectX Installer does not detect DirectX on your computer, it will install DirectX for you. After installation is complete, you will need to restart your computer in order for DirectX to take effect.

**If the DirectX Installer copied over a previous version, will the UnInstaller remove DirectX 3a? How will this affect my other Windows 95 games?**

DirectX 3a will remain on your computer and you will be able to run other Windows 95 games that use Microsoft's DirectX libraries. DirectX 3a should not affect any titles designed for the original version of DirectX. Should you encounter difficulties with DirectX 3a, please contact Microsoft for further information (address and phone number listed above).

**How do I restore my video and/or audio drivers once DirectX has been installed?**

1. Place the disc in the CD-ROM drive and exit from any autoplay screens.
2. Double-click on "My Computer".
3. Right-click on your CD-ROM drive and choose Install DirectX.

Choose the button that satisfies your need (e.g. **Restore Audio drivers**). This process will install your previous drivers and prompt you to restart Microsoft Windows.

**The following manufacturers suggest running DirectX 3a with their products using the configurations listed below. If you need further assistance, please contact your video card manufacturer directly.**

**Diamond Multimedia**

Stealth SE

Stealth 64 Graphics 2000  
Stealth 64 Video 2000  
Stealth 64 Video 3000  
Stealth Video 2001  
Stealth Video 2001\TV  
Stealth Video 2500  
Stealth 3D 2000

If problems are encountered with the above Diamond Multimedia video cards, we recommend that you restore your video card drivers. Instructions are as follows:

1. Place the game disc in the CD-ROM drive and exit from any autoplay screens.
2. Double-click on "**My Computer**".
3. Right-click on your CD-ROM drive and choose **Install DirectX**.
4. Click on the button labeled "**Restore Video drivers**."

### **STB Powergraph64 with Vision 95**

We have experienced numerous problems with STB video cards running the STB Vision 95 set of display tools. Please uninstall your STB Vision 95 display tools by reinstalling the STB drivers **without** the STB Vision 95 display tools if you experience any problems playing *Twinsen's Odyssey*.

### **ATI Mach 64**

If you experience problems running with an ATI Mach 64, click on your **Start** Button and select **Run**, then type SYSTEM.INI. Click **OK**.

Locate the section within the file labeled  
[Display]

and add the line STRETCHENGINE=0

Example:

[Display]  
STRETCHENGINE=0

Click on **File**, then choose **Save**. Click on **File** then choose **Exit** to leave your System Configuration editor. Reboot the system and try playing *Twinsen's Odyssey* again.

# Game Controls

## Inventory—Shift

**Inventory Items**—The Inventory menu is accessed using the **Shift** key. The arrow keys move the selection box through the inventory. When an item is selected, its name is displayed at the bottom of the screen. Press **Return** to use the selected inventory item if it is currently appropriate. Press **Shift** again or **Esc** to exit the Inventory menu.

## Holomap Info

**Access**—Once Twinsen has found the Holomap, it can be accessed from the inventory or by pressing the **H** key. Press **Esc** or the **H** key again to return to the game.

**Control**—Rotate the globe using the **arrow keys** to view an area. Press the **Space Bar** to zoom into that map. In the map close-up you can see the location of Twinsen, Dino-Fly, or Twinsen's car. You will also see red arrows that indicate locations to visit if another character has told you to visit them. Use the **arrow keys** to select these locations.

## Health Status

The status of Twinsen's health can be accessed by pressing **Ctrl**.

### *Health Status Icons*

**[Red Bar]** = Life Points

**[Blue Bar]** = Magic Power (Each level of magic you reach potentially gives you more power.)

**[Coin]** = Amount of money you have

**[Key]** = Number of keys you have (Opens any normally locked door and are used automatically when needed.)

**[Four Leaf Clover]** = Number of lives left

## Power-ups

Twinsen will find various power-ups throughout the game by searching in garbage cans, plants, and other objects. Search by walking up to the item and pressing the **space bar** if in normal mode or by pressing the **End** key in any mode.

**[Heart]**—Increases health level

**[Blue vase]**—Increases magic level

**[Coin]**—Adds to currency amount

**[Key]**—Opens any normally locked door

## Twinsen Control and Movement

**Arrow Keys**—Move Twinsen through the worlds by pressing the **arrow keys** on your keyboard. The up

arrow moves Twinsen forward, the down arrow moves Twinsen backward, and the left and right arrows turn Twinsen to his left or right. Remember, however, that the arrows always move Twinsen in the same direction, no matter what your current view of him is. Therefore, the up arrow will move Twinsen toward you if he is facing you, and away from you if your view is on Twinsen's back. The right and left arrows will always turn Twinsen to his right or left whether you have a front-, side-, or rear-facing view.

**Space Bar**—In Twinsen's Odyssey the space bar is also called the Action Key. Pressing **space** in any of the behavior modes will cause Twinsen to do an action, depending on what there is to do in the current situation and what behavior mode he's in. (See Modes of Behavior.)

**Alt Key**—Pressing the **Alt** key causes Twinsen to use a weapon. The different weapons that Twinsen will acquire along the way can be chosen by accessing the Inventory menu. Depending on Twinsen's mode of behavior, a weapon will behave differently. Experiment to get a feel for weapon usage in each of the modes.

(See Modes of Behavior.)

**End Key**—In any behavior mode, pressing the **End** key will cause Twinsen to search for items, speak to other characters, or read signs depending on where he is in the Odyssey.

## **Modes of Behavior**

Twinsen has four distinctive behaviors. By pressing and holding the **Ctrl** key you can view and choose between the behaviors or you can switch them by using the hot keys. The **Arrow**, **Alt** and **Action keys** (space bar) work a little differently depending on which behavior Twinsen is in.

**Normal (F5)** — In Normal mode, the **arrows** walk Twinsen around at an average pace. The **space bar** will make Twinsen search for things, turn levers, read signs, or speak to others.

**Sporty (F6)** — In Sporty mode, the **arrows** run Twinsen around in an athletic manner. The **space bar** will make Twinsen jump, either from a standing position, or a running jump.

**Aggressive (F7)** — In Aggressive mode, the **arrow keys** move Twinsen in an aggressive manner. The **space bar** will make Twinsen hit or kick at opponents. Holding the **space bar** down while using the arrow keys in aggressive mode will allow you to manually control Twinsen's fighting technique.

**Discreet (F8)** — In Discreet mode, Twinsen sneaks around in response to the **arrow keys**. The **space bar** will make Twinsen crouch down to hide from potential threats.

**Proto-Pack**—The Proto-Pack, when you acquire it, can be accessed using the inventory or by holding down the **Ctrl** key and using the **up and down arrow keys**. This nifty device allows Twinsen to fly, which can be very helpful in some of the places he goes.

## **Views**

**Center camera on Twinsen**—Enter

**Backspace**—This key shows different pre-positioned camera angles when you are in an exterior view. Press the **Backspace** key and find the view which works best depending on where you are in the worlds.

**Zoom In/Zoom Out**—Use the **+** key on your numeric keypad to zoom out and the **-** key to zoom back in on Twinsen.

## Hints

- Change behavior modes to change the throwing trajectory of the Magic Ball.
- Experiment with weapons by using them in different behavior modes.
- Heal Twinsen's pet Dino-Fly and he will transport you to new areas for free!
- Use the Holomap to view locations to help find your next objective.
- The Magic Ball can be used as a boomerang to pick up keys that fall in hard to reach areas.
- Twinsen's Magic Ball has a farther reach with the powers of his ancestral tunic.
- Speak to everyone you meet. They will supply helpful information to aid you in completing your quest.
- Beware! If you exit an area after having killed all the enemies, they may have replacements when you reenter!
- Use your Sidestep key (default is **X**) and the directional arrows to quickly evade enemy projectiles. These also change depending on Twinsen's behavior mode and weapon, so experiment in open areas.

## How do I set up my joystick or game pad?

While in the game, press the **F1** key (this should open the Keyboard Configuration screen). Using the arrows on your keyboard choose, a key (in either column key1 or Key2) which is associated with the action of your choice (actions are listed to the left). Once selected press **<Enter>** on your keyboard (it should now blink). Now press the key of your choice whether it be on a joystick, gamepad, or the keyboard. Continue as needed for the rest of the keys. Now select ACCEPT CONFIGURATION and exit.

## How to Start the Game

After installing the game, insert the disc into the CD-ROM drive and wait for Windows 95 to display the AutoPlay title screen. If this screen does not appear, choose the **START** button and select **PROGRAMS**. Click on **TWINSEN'S ODYSSEY** and choose **TWINSEN'S ODYSSEY**. Once the title screen appears, click the **PLAY** button to launch *Twinsen's Odyssey*.

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Stealth 3D 2000

If problems are encountered with any of the above Diamond Multimedia video cards, we recommend you restore your previous video card drivers. Instructions are as follows:

1. Place the game disc in the CD-ROM drive and exit from any autoplay screens.
2. Double-click on "**My Computer**".
3. Right-click on your CD-ROM drive and choose **Install DirectX**.
4. Click on the button labeled "**Restore Video drivers**."



## I have a Media Vision Pro Audio Spectrum 16. The sound and movies are choppy. What should I do?

The game requires a 100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible sound card. Your sound card meets the requirement, but is not working properly. Follow these instructions to allow your card to work in 16 bit mode:

- (1) Click on **Start**→**Settings**→**Control Panel** and double-click the **Multimedia** icon.
- (2) Make sure you are on the Audio tab.
- (3) Within the Playback section change the Preferred Device to "ProAudio Wave Out".
- (4) Click on the tab labeled **Advanced**.
- (5) Single-click the plus sign in front of "Audio Devices". This should expand the branch.
- (6) Single-click on the phrase "Audio for Sound Blaster Emulation" and click the **Properties** button.
- (7) Check-mark the boxes for "Do not use audio features on this device" and "Do not map through this device".
- (8) Click the **Apply** button and restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

If you still encounter problems, contact [Media Vision](#) for more assistance.

# Installing & Uninstalling the Game

## [Before the installation](#)

[Installing \*Twinsen's Odyssey\* for Windows 95](#) - This contains installation instructions and information about this version.

[Uninstalling the Windows 95 version of the game](#) - Basic instructions on how to uninstall the game.

[Common Installation Problems](#) - Problems that might be encountered before and/or after installation.

# Installing the Game

## How to Install

1. Before installing, close all other applications. Also, make sure **Virtual Memory** (located in your **System Control Panel** under **Performance**) is *not* disabled.
2. Insert the *Twinsen's Odyssey* disc into your CD-ROM drive and wait a few moments until the *Twinsen's Odyssey* title screen appears. (If the title screen does not appear, please refer to the [AutoPlay](#) Troubleshooting section.)
3. Click the **Install** button to begin the installation process and follow the on-screen instructions.
4. After *Twinsen's Odyssey* installation is complete, your computer will install Microsoft's DirectX 3a drivers if you do not already have them. After installation of DirectX 3a is complete, you will need to restart your computer for the new drivers to take effect. For more information on DirectX 3a, see the [DirectX 3a](#) section of this file.
5. You can now run *Twinsen's Odyssey for Windows 95* by choosing **Start**→**Programs**→**Twinsen's Odyssey**→**Twinsen's Odyssey** from the **Start** menu or by clicking **Play** on the *Twinsen's Odyssey* title screen.

## Matrox Millennium Error with DirectX 3

This card does not support Direct3D acceleration (which is enabled by DirectX 3 by default). Even though *Twinsen's Odyssey* does not use Direct3D, this card in most cases will have problems with the game due to Direct3D being enabled. You must disable this feature within the DirectX setup menu. Please follow these instructions to do so:

1. Place the *Twinsen's Odyssey* disc in the CD-ROM drive and exit from any autoplay screens.
2. Double-click on "**My Computer**".
3. Right-click on your CD-ROM drive and choose **Install DirectX**.
4. Click on the box labeled "Direct3D Hardware Acceleration Enabled" (this box should be empty). This will disable Direct3D.
5. Click on the **OK** button.

If problems persist, contact [Matrox Graphics Inc.](#) for assistance.

# Minimum System Requirements for Twinsen's Odyssey

- 100% Microsoft Windows 95 compatible computer system (including compatible 32-bit drivers for CD-ROM drive, video card, sound card and input devices)
- Processor Type: Pentium
- RAM: 16MB
- 45MB of uncompressed hard disk space
- 256 Color (640x 480) VLB or PCI video card with 1MB RAM
- 100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible sound card
- 4X speed CD-ROM drive (600K/second sustained transfer rate)
- 100% Microsoft compatible mouse and driver
- Dedicated game card is highly recommended for joystick

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**NOTE:** The Windows 95 version uses Microsoft [DirectX 3a](#) technology, and requires that your system have the most updated drivers that fully support DirectX.

In order to play *Twinsen's Odyssey for Windows 95* the CD must be in your CD-ROM drive at all times.

*Twinsen's Odyssey* may have trouble working with some 1993 or earlier Matsushita CD-ROM drives. These CD-ROM drives have trouble reading beyond 63 minutes on CDs, and *Twinsen's Odyssey* uses the full CD. These drives were sold under the names of Panasonic, JVC, Reveal, Creative Labs and Plextor. Gameplay may occasionally slow down and the CD-ROM drive will be accessed constantly. We highly recommend that you upgrade to a newer CD-ROM drive to avoid problems with other programs in the future.

Click [here](#) if you have a [NexGen](#) compatible processor or click [here](#) if you have a [Cyrix](#) processor and are receiving a warning message during the installation process.

# Supported Operating Systems

This game supports two operating systems at this time, Microsoft Windows 95 and MS-DOS 6.22 or higher.

The following operating systems are not supported:

Microsoft Windows NT

IBM OS/2 (All Varieties)

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**NOTE:** For your benefit, we have created a [Readme.doc](#) file that contains last minute information that could not be included in this on line help file. If information is not found within this on line help file, please view our [Readme.doc](#) file.

This on line help file is not a trouble-shooting tool for the **MS-DOS** version of *Twinsen's Odyssey*. Please consult the **HELP.TXT** found on the CD in the DOS folder for the MS-DOS version of *Twinsen's Odyssey*.

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## Taskbar Always on Top

In order to launch *Twinsen's Odyssey*, the Windows 95 taskbar cannot have the option **Always On Top** selected.

For directions on how to turn this option off, please see the Microsoft Help system. [Click Here](#) to display the Microsoft Help system subject on **Configuring the Taskbar**.



## **The sounds are distorted and/or the movies are choppy. What can I do?**

You may encounter choppy game play if your sound card is not 100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible. 8 bit sound cards are not supported with this game (e.g. Sound Blaster and Sound Blaster PRO compatible). You may want to contact your [sound card manufacturer](#) to see if your card is 100% Sound Blaster 16 compatible.

If you are fully confident that your sound card is 100% Sound Blaster **16** compatible you should acquire the most updated sound card drivers available. This is highly recommended and is usually free and easy to do. You can contact your [sound card manufacturer](#) for details.

You may also encounter choppy movies if your CD-ROM drive is not at least a quad-speed drive.

## The taskbar hides a portion of the game window. Can I fix this?

This can happen if your taskbar is always on top. You can hide the taskbar by right-clicking on it and selecting **Properties**. Click **Auto Hide** and then **OK**. The taskbar will hide when it is not used. To make the taskbar reappear, place your mouse in the area where the taskbar once was and it will appear.

# Uninstalling the Game

## How to uninstall *Twinsen's Odyssey*:

The Uninstall option in *Twinsen's Odyssey* allows the game to remove itself completely from your hard drive. From the **Start** button, go to **Programs**→**Twinsen's Odyssey**→**Twinsen's Odyssey Uninstall** and follow the Uninstaller instructions.

**NOTE: You should always uninstall the game with the Uninstaller provided.**

If you remove the game from your hard drive by dragging your *Twinsen's Odyssey* folder to the Recycle Bin, certain files may be left behind causing problems with a later reinstallation of the game. In order to completely remove all *Twinsen's Odyssey* files from your computer, complete the following steps:

1. Make sure you have deleted the entire directory to which you installed *Twinsen's Odyssey*.
2. Remove *Twinsen's Odyssey* from the **Start** menu.
  - a. From the **Start** button, go to **Settings**→**Taskbar**.
  - b. Select the **Start Menu Programs** tab.
  - c. Click the **Remove** button.
  - d. Highlight and then delete the entire **Twinsen's Odyssey** entry.
3. You must also clean up the Windows 95 Registry, in order to be able to reinstall *Twinsen's Odyssey* again.
  - a. Go to the **Start** menu on your taskbar and select **Run**.
  - b. In the **Run** dialog box, type **REGEDIT** and click the **OK** button.
  - c. Once REGEDIT is open, double-click the entry **HKEY\_LOCAL MACHINE**.
  - d. Double-click on **SOFTWARE**. If you have any other Activision programs installed, open the Activision folder and delete only the **Twinsen's Odyssey** folder. Otherwise, delete the entire item called **Activision**.

## **When I launch into the game, the screen goes black and freezes.**

We have found this to be the case when you do not have DirectX certification. In most cases you can fix this problem by updating your video card drivers. This is highly recommended and is usually free and easy to do. You can contact your Video Card Manufacturer for details.

Another possible cause could be that the CD is not in the CD-ROM drive. Please insert the *Twinsen's Odyssey* CD before you attempt to start the game.

## Why do I have wavy lines across my screen when I play the game?

We have found this to be the case when outdated DirectX drivers are present on a system. This can be fixed by updating your video card drivers. This is highly recommended and is usually free and easy to do. You can contact your Video Card Manufacturer for details.

## **Why does the game sometimes quit to the desktop?**

Occasionally, *Twinsen's Odyssey* will suddenly quit to the desktop. This may be a result of a conflict with the EZDesk desktop utility, which is used to organize icons on your desktop. Disable EZDesk whenever playing *Twinsen's Odyssey*.

The game may also suddenly minimize to the taskbar if you are running an electronic mail program (e.g MS Exchange) in the background.

*Twinsen's Odyssey* should be run as a stand-alone application.

