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Loading instructions

To load and run the program place the cassette in the cassette recorder, type

CHAIN "JCB"

and press RETURN; the 'Searching' message should appear on the screen as you do this. Now press the PLAY button on the cassette recorder and wait for the program to load. The title page will load in less than one minute and the main program will take a further four minutes to load. The game will start as soon as loading is complete.

You are in charge of a JCB 3CX Excavator Loader. Your mission is to put all of the Meanies to sleep – you have to try and get them before they get you! A Meanie will fall asleep if it goes underground or underwater. Using your JCB, you must try and dig holes for the Meanies to fall into. Beware, as the Meanies will climb out after a while, so you have to fill them in quickly. All digging is done with the backhoe (the 'scooper' at the back) and all filling is done with the shovel at the front.

In order to dig a hole, simply move the JCB to the desired position and press the SHIFT key three times (Meanies will only fall into fully-dug holes). The hole will appear under the backhoe. To fill in a hole, hold the Space Bar down and drive over the hole. This will send any trapped Meanie to sleep.

The way to get the Meanie to go underwater is to shovel it into the sea. Note that only salt water will send the Meanie to sleep, so putting it in a lake will not harm it.

The JCB can only reach full speed when it is on flat ground (green areas), and when it has the shovel raised and the backhoe folded.

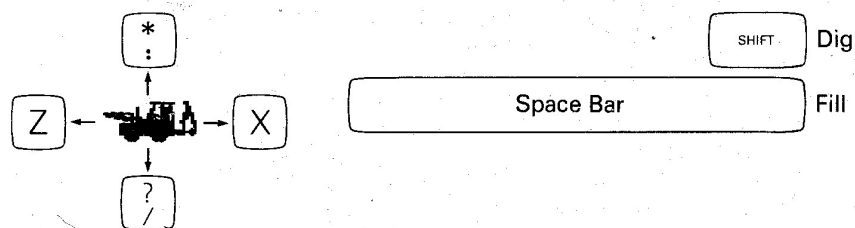
The Meanies can capture your JCB by getting near the cab. They will then drive it off to the right-hand side of the screen. You start off with two spare JCBs, and you may get an extra one after a score of 1500.

You can also score by shovelling the landscape away with the shovel. In order to do this, position the JCB's shovel at the edge of the landscape to be destroyed, put the shovel down, and drive into the landscape.

After you have put eight Meanies to sleep, you will be given a new set. In this set the Meanies change colour, and suddenly learn new skills like being able to cross different types of landscape:

Cyan Meanie	Nothing
Red Meanie	Mountains/stony ground
Blue Meanie	Forest and mountains/stony ground
Magenta Meanie	Marsh, forest and mountains/stony ground
Black Meanie	Everything except salt water

Keyboard controls



plus:

ESCAPE	Escape from game
Q	Turn all sound effects off
S	Turn all sound effects on
COPY	Pause the game
DELETE	Unpause the game

Joystick controls

Use the joystick to move. To dig a hole, use the fire button with centred joystick. To fill a hole, press the fire button and move.

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Score

20	Clearing forest/undergrowth
30	Clearing mountains/stony ground
40	Clearing marsh
1000	Bonus for clearing whole island

100	Cyan Meanie
150	Red Meanie
200	Blue Meanie
250	Magenta Meanie
300	Black Meanie

This game was produced in conjunction with J C Bamford Excavators Ltd.

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You are put in charge of a JCB 3CX Excavator Loader. There are four movement keys (up, down, left and right) plus digging and filling keys to enable you to dig traps for the Meanies, who chase you. Fill the holes in quickly to kill the Meanies, or pick them up in your shovel and dump them in the sea! The action takes place on an island, with the screen acting as a 'window', which scrolls to accommodate the movement of the JCB.

Produced in conjunction with J C Bamford Ltd, this game is a must for the games connoisseur.

Acornsoft JCB Digger is fully compatible with either keyboard or joysticks and includes a table of high scores.

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