

POWER-UPS AND WEAPONARY DO YOU WANT TO OWN THE ROAD IN BLUR?

Power-ups are the most important element to master for any Blur driver. Whether it's firing a deadly Shunt at your opponent to flip him out, or sneakily laying Mines around the track, effective use of power-ups is absolutely vital to achieving victory in Blur. Read this guide for a full breakdown of the available Power-ups, and hidden tactics for each.



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WELL, KEEP READING!

THE SHUNT IS YOUR MAIN FORWARD-FIRING PROJECTILE. It is big, slow, and insanely powerful. Don't let it's speed put you off using the Shunt though - it also has homing capability! The greatest Blur drivers will use this to their advantage, and zero in with deadly accuracy on their opponents.

But what if you're already in 1st place? Worry not - the Shunt can be fired BACKWARDS as well. Just hold down

on your thumbstick as you fire. Make sure to line up your shot first! The Shunt loses it's homing capability when fired backwards.



The most professional Blur racers will keep the Barge in one of their two reserve Power-up slots until the time is right. Use the cycle Power-up button to save Barge and unleash it when you're heading into a crowded hairpin corner. It can also defend against Shunts, Bolts, and Mines. Activate your Barge at just the right moment to avoid taking damage!





ONE OF THE MOST VERSAITILE POWER-UPS IN BLUR,

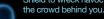
the Mine can be used in many situations. Drop it on the track to lay a trap for racers behind you, or use your rear-view mirror to line yourself up with trailing opponents. When they're right on your back bumper, unleash a Mine to spin them out!

Also, if you hold up on the thumbstick when dropping the Mine it will fire forwards. Snipe racers in front of you!

Finally, you can use the Mine as defence against Shunts and Bolts. Listen for their characteristic sound effect, and drop your mine in it's path to explode the attack prematurely! Keep watching your mirrors!

STUCK AT THE BACK OF THE PACK? If so, then Shock might come in handy. Using this Power-up launches three deadly balls of energy at whoever is in 1st place! The energy balls remain on-track for a few seconds, providing a dangerous obstacle for those out in front.

Practice your steering! Skillful drivers can weave through the shock domes without taking damage If you're in first, use a Shock in combination with a Shield to wreck havoc on







DOES WHAT IT SAYS ON THE TIN. The Nitro unleashes a blast of speed which, when used correctly, could propell your car right to the front of the pack! That's not all though. Holding down on the thumbstick whilst firing the Nitro will activate an air-brake, temporarily slowing you down to a crawl. Whilst in this slowed state your steering is enhanced, allowing you to point your car in the right direction before the super boost kicks

in! Blur experts will use the air-brake in hairpins, negating the need to brake manually on approach.

BOLT IS A TRIPLE SKILL SHOT. Picking up this Powerup gives you THREE super high-speed projectiles to fire. Either tap the button three times in guick succession to unleash all Bolts at an unsuspecting opponent, or save them for defence against incoming Power-ups. Bolts are also great at finishing off opponents with low health!

It takes two Bolts to destroy a Mine. You can also use two Bolts to destroy a Shunt - just



hold back on your thumbstick to shoot

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IF YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A SHIELD saved in one of your

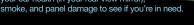
reserve Power-up Slots. Activating this power-up makes your car impervious to damage for a short amount of time. It doesn't last forever, so make sure you use it at exactly the right moment!

Quickly switching to your Shield and activating it before that Shunt homes in on you is one of Blur's more advanced tactics. Quick fingers will be rewarded!

Shields can also be upgrading by using mods - i.e. get more health when you are hit, or absorb your Power-ups..

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR CAR IS DAMAGED AND ABOUT TO BLOW? Ask any veteran Blur driver, and they'll tell you to take it easy and head for the nearest Repair. The more skilled drivers will keep a repair in their reserve slots, just in case they hit tough times.

Of course it's not the end of the world if your car does go boom - you'll respawn on track a-ok. It will lose you some time though, so it's a good idea to keep a Repair Power-up on hand just in case. Keep an eye out for your car health (in your rear view mirror),









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