

Motor City Online Preview Author: Greg Harmon

### Introduction

When one thinks of persistent online worlds, they usually think of games like EverQuest, Asheron's Call and Ultima Online. game cheats In other words, fantasy RPGs. game cheats Electronic Arts however is bringing something new to the mix, called Motor City Online. game cheats This online racing game will put players against other real human players as well as allow traditional off line racing which will allow players to earn money. game cheats You wont be driving any new shiny imports here, no sir! You'll be driving classic muscle cars such as Pontiac GTOs and more. game cheats Earn money, beef up your car and promptly out race opponents. game cheats Sounds fun, doesn't it?

### Graphics: First Impressions

It's a little difficult to judge graphics on a unreleased game but so far they look outstanding. game cheats The car models themselves seem extremely high detailed and the environments look great. game cheats I suspect that the graphics will be further enhanced by the time the game is released. game cheats Graphics are complemented by the realistic damage system as well since cars can be damaged a little bit, or be damaged extensively during races. game cheats Be careful of ruthless drivers!

### Good Physics

Motor City Online features an all new physics engine that will allow you to fully customize your muscle car. game cheats Sliding a bit much? Purchase some performance radial tires for a bit more traction. game cheats Need a few more horsepower in that camaro of yours? Then you can buy a new cylinder head. game cheats As you can see, Electronic Arts realized we wouldn't be satisfied with stock muscle cars. game cheats Suppose you don't have much money but you do have that wicked mustang you put a lot of money into. game cheats Well then you should be careful and avoid racing harsh opponents who will intentially wreck your car because Motor City Online will require more effort than most on getting your car back up and running after a cold, hard beating. game cheats Not much more is known about the physics such as how the cars will handle and so forth, however I suspect the control will be top notch since EA has apparently put a lot of work into the physics. game cheats

### Gameplay

While there is no definite facts about individual gameplay modes, there is some information you can chew on until more info is released. game cheats Right now there have been loosely, 4 modes of gameplay seen. game cheats The first is what you might call a duel. game cheats You race someone else straight up for money or maybe even for each others car. game cheats This is speculation however. game cheats High stakes anyone? Also there will be racing in the city where you have to fight traffic and so on. game cheats Motor City is a full fledged city with canals and other features. game cheats There of course are also the traditional race tracks, off road tracks and even street racing. game cheats There is also a Drag Race mode, where you can race your friend or foe to see who's got the most power and performance. game cheats Unlike boring single player drag racing games, where all you need to do is watch your RPMs, this game is much more dynamic because you can modify your specific car heavily and compete against others who have done the same. game cheats

Motor City Online also features a race mode for beginners, called EZ Street. game cheats This mode will allow rookies to get up to speed on the gameplay without getting worried that more experienced players who have beefed up there cars to oblivion will dominate them. game cheats This mode puts you through training such as time trials and even drag racing. game cheats It'll start out with a relatively weaker, less powerful vehicle because controlling a 500 horsepower behemoth is much harder due to the realistic physics model that this game possesses. game cheats By the end of EZ Street, you should be well prepared for racing others. game cheats

### The Interface / Front End

EA has enabled direct updates from the web, right from the interface. game cheats Which

means you'll get the latest community news while playing Motor City Online. game cheats Also you'll be able to chat with other players, set matches and so forth. game cheats I personally have always enjoyed the interfaces that EA creates for their games. game cheats I believe their ahead of most in this department so I suspect the interface will be brilliant. game cheats Check out the screen shot that showcases the interface for a glimpse of what's to come. game cheats

#### Final Thoughts

Many companies are looking harder at persistent online worlds as a means to make more money than traditional games via the subscription based payment method. game cheats However many don't because developing such a title usually cost much more money and takes a lot more time than regular, single player titles. game cheats Whether EA will charge a monthly fee is unknown at this time, however I wouldn't be surprised if they take that route. game cheats They certainly have a hit on their hands if they can deliver what is expected of Motor City Online and as a long time fan of the Need for Speed series, I have my fingers crossed!