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MOUF LISTING

# THE INTERWORKINGS OF THE COMBO SYSTEM

Like most SF games, some normal moves can be linked or followed by consecutive moves. In X-Men, this factor is now more prevalent than ever. Some may be familiar with the classic combo setup of "Normal/"



punches and kicks of the same strength can now be chained together and followed by one higher strength attack. This provides ample opportunity for self-combo construction and execution.



Many characters have dozens of combo sets.

#### GROUND ATTACKS, PRE-ROUND POSITIONING & DASHING

Since Virtua Fighter, there has been a need for ground attacks. This can be done with any old attack, but some characters (like Sentinel and Colossus) have special moves that take advantage of the hapless vermin on the ground.

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Another recently neglected feature is dashing. While in other games it provides a means of escape, this game allows



The controversial ground attack can sometimes spell success or failure.



# The pre-round positioning is great for preparing yourself. you to add other powerful

you to add other powerful attacks or other abilities (like Storm being invincible when dashing).

There is also preround positioning. The offensive can start in close and the weak far away!



#### BATTLING WITH AUTO BLOCKING

A most recent addition to arcade games of this genre is the Auto Blocking Option. As nice as it seems, it does have its limitations. First, it is only good for your first match, then it is disabled. Also, your special moves will be limited in terms of variety of directions. However, in Vs. Mode you have the option every time, and with the Shortcut Mode trick (see page 3) you can play as Akuma with Auto Block.



There are a lot of ups and downs with Auto Blocking.

#### THE SKILLS OF THROWING

Many might think throwing is a cheap way to get in a quick damaging blow. However, in X-Men, this becomes an extremely valuable technique.

First, everyone can throw on the ground as well as in the air. Throws are also a tool for setting up many multihit combos.

Don't worry, there are plenty of safeguards against throwing. If you time pressing the buttons right, you can either reverse a throw, break from a throw or give yourself a safe landing (strangely called Tech Hit).

# KNOW THE X-

The X-Power Bar comes heavily into play once you start getting into the game. Despite the ability to do the Hyper-X move, there are some moves that require a Level 2 power to use. Likewise, some techniques (like the throw breakers) require X-Power. So remember, even though a Hyper-X is pretty to look at, it's a massive drain on a valuable resource!







To break a throw, you must be at Level 2 power.

# Learn many



throw setups like Cyclops' throw/GS!

#### USING THE "TIPS US" KEY

In the following character profiles, know these terms for learning the best moves to use against everyone.

P1-Jab Short-K1 P2-Strong Forward-K2 P3-Fierce Roundhouse-K3

Air/Ground states where the move is taking place.

# THE CODE

Player One: On the Character Select Screen wait two seconds on Spiral, then move through Silver Samurai. Psylocke, Colossus, Iceman Colossus Cyclops, Wolverine, Omega Red and wait for two seconds on Silver Samurai, Hit K1, P3 and K3 (Punch/Kick) at once. Player Two: Wait for two seconds on Storm, then move to Cyclops, Colossus, Iceman. Sentinel, Omega Red. Wolverine, Psylocke, Silver Samurai and wait on Spiral for two seconds. Hit K1, K3 & P3 simultaneously.

#### TITHER STILES

To skip the Vs. Screen when continuing in a one-player game, just hold L&R triggers at the top when you continue.



You can skip the Vs. Screen and restart the match.

In Vs. Mode, when it asks you to continue after a match, player one or two just needs to hold an L/R trigger and continue to access this quick Menu Screen based on stats.





### WOLVEHINE

If there was ever a beginner's character, Wolvie's it. His quick speed is enough to counter anyone's attack, and his Drill Claw is good for elusiveness.





#### TIPS US:

Go Offensive T. Claw, D. Claw and Air/Ground P3

Go Offensive D. Claw and P/K Combos

Go Offensive D. Claw and T. Claw

Go Offensive T. Claw and Air P3

Go Offensive D. Claw, T. Claw, P/K Combos

Go Offensive Dash P3, D. Claw, T. Claw

Go Offensive T. Claw, D. Claw, Air P3

Go Offensive D. Claw, T. Claw, P/K Combos

Go Offensive Air P3, T. Claw and D. Claw

Go Offensive D. Claw, T. Claw and P/K Combos

Do P/K Combos and T. Claw

## UEFENSIVE SKILLS If he really needs a self-

If he really needs a selfdefense move, you can perform his Standing Fierce Punch. This pro-

duces two Wave Slashes, covering his entire front.







## Try to hit your enemy from

below with the Tornado Claw.
When he/she falls, pelt
him/her again





The Speed Up is useless for



this quick character. Use his healing factor.

#### THE HYPEH-X

Like most of its kind, this move should be done in tandem with a person descending or getting up from a fall. Save it until the opponent is close to death





Simply Drill Claw from above into Jug, then link up with Wolvie's combos. Once done, leap away and repeat. Drill Claw Magneto when flying or Tornado Claw under him. When standing, stay close and try jump-in combos.







Psylocke can easily be played as a defensive and offensive character. Though she lacks moves, they can be chained together for great combos!







#### EFENSIVE SKILLS Most of her attacks provide

her plenty of coverage. although her most effective



move is her Standing or Crouching Fierce

#### TIPS US:

Go Offensive P/K Combos and P. Blade

Go Defensive Air P Flash and

Go Offensive

Go Offensive P. Blade and

P. Flash Go Defensive

Air/Crouch P3

P. Flash, P. Blade and P/K Combos

P. Blade and

Go Defensive

Go Offensive P. Flash, P. Blade,

Go Offensive P/K Combos

Go Offensive P. Flash, Air P3. P. Blade



Air P3

Air P. Flash and P/K Combos

P. Flash and

Go Offensive

Go Offensive P. Flash

Air P. Flash and P. Blade

Air P/K3

and P. Blade



lable and fast, and her Psi Blade can be linked with punches to increase the number of hits.

Her Psi Flash is control-

Only use projectiles with her Ninjutu, unless you are sure of where your location is.



#### THE HYPER

Do this at downward angles to hit low. You can also immediately follow with a second attack by hitting the three Punch buttons and the desired direction.



This big boy is a snap with Jumping Fierce Punches. You are actually quick enough to throw him, too!

Wait for Magneto to go airborne, then dash under his blasts and do a multihit Psi Blade. Repeat and vou're set!



#### CYCLOPS

Any fan of Ken and Ryu will know this guy's style instantly. His throws link into combo sets, and his X-Power moves are some of the most effective yet.





#### TIPS US:

Go Offensive
P/K Combos
and G. Splice
Go Defensive

O. Blast and P/K Combos

Go Offensive G. Splice and O. Blasts

Go Offensive Air O. Blast and G. Splice

Go Offensive
O. Blast and
Air P/K Combos

Go Defensive P/K Combos and G. Splice

Go Offensive
O. Blasts and
G. Splice

Go Defensive
O. Blasts and
Air P/K Combos

Go Defensive
O. Blasts and
G. Splice

Go Offensive P/K Combos and G. Splice

Go Offensive P/K Combos and G. Splice

#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

The Jumping Forward Kick is an excellent air deterrent, providing a Pseudo Flash

Kick covering your front. His Strong Punchgives great cover.









#### SPECIALS & SUP**EAS**

Link his throw with a Gene Splice. Be sure to do low Optic Blasts, since most





The Leg Throw X-Power is good for a surprise, but use it in moderation to keep it a surprise.

### THE HYPER-X

His Mega Optic Blast is best when timed with characters descending from a jump.

Also, use in

moderation with the Controlled Beam to confuse them.



Both are good, so interchange them.



Juggy will be nothing with this fun pattern.
Just do quick hops straight up and keep pelting him with Optic Blasts!



Use Psylocke's pattern: Wait until he leaps into the air then use his Beams. Dash and do a Gene Splice!







Despite his gimpy looks, Iceman is very effective. All his attacks can be used defensively, and his Boulder Avalanche is great on Spiral's stage.







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Nearly all his normal attacks can be used to cover him. The best is his standing

Roundhouse. which covers his front for quite a good distance.





Use the Icebeams a lot. but save the Avalanche for the unsuspecting

offensive



If you are skilled with your punch attacks, then use your X-Power for this special attack alone.

#### THE HYPERX

Despite its screen coating and high hit count. the Arctic Attack doesn't do much damage. The most effective way to use it is when you have the opponent cornered.

# First Hit OO La El



Like Cyclops, just do short jumps and straight Icebeams. It is a slow process, but it is the safest method.

Since Magneto likes to go airborne, the Arctic Attack is a good move, as are high Icebeams and jump attacks.

#### TIPS US:

Go Defensive Air Icebeam and K3



Go Offensive P/K Combos and Icebeams



Go Offensive Icebeam and Boulder



Go Offensive Boulder and Icebeams



Go Offensive Air Icebeam and Boulder



Go Defensive Icebeams, Air P3 and Stand K3



Go Offensive Icebeams and **Boulders** 



Go Defensive Icebeams and **K3** 



Go Offensive Icebeams, Air P3 and K3



Go Offensive Icebeams, Boulder and Air P3



Go Defensive Icebeams and P/K Combos







#### STURM

Storm doesn't have many special attacks, but she is a character that can practically go anywhere, making what few attacks she has deadly.





#### TIPS US:

Go Defensive Air Typhoon, L. Attack, E. Ball

Go Offensive Air/Ground Typhoon, E. Ball

Go Offensive Typhoon, K3 and P3

Go Offensive L. Attack, **Typhoon** 

Go Offensive Typhoon, E. Ball, L. Attack

Go Offensive Typhoon, E. Ball, P3 and K3

Go Offensive L. Attack and **Typhoon** 

Go Defensive L. Attack. E. Ball, Typhoon

Go Defensive Air Typhoon, E. Ball, P/K3

Go Offensive P/K Combos and Typhoon

Go Defensive Air Typhoon, L. Attack

#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

Her kicks are the best, the wind providing extra cover. Her best attack yet is her Air

Strong Punch. She releases a directional ball of electricity!







#### SPECIALS R SUPERS

Her Typhoon is best and partly quidable. Her Lightning Attack is good for





useless.

Use the energy for a Hyper-X or her flying ability.

#### THE HYPER-X

Of the two, the least damaging but most protective is her Lightning Storm. However, her

Hail Storm will do nearly 3/4 damage if it is successful.

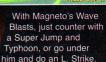




Of the two, the best bet is the Lightning Storm.



Juggernaut is a sucker for air attacks. Just release a volley of Air Typhoons and watch him crumble to dust.









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This tin can of Russian muscle has no projectiles (thank God!), but he has excellent defenses and is a fireball thrower's worst nightmare!







#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

way of punch and kick defenses. His best would



He doesn't have much in the

have to be his Standing Roundhouse and Air Fierce Punch.





Use the Super Armor over

all others. Be careful that

vou aren't at a critical

stun level.

#### IHLS & SUPERS

The Power Tackle is immune to projectiles, but great against the fireballers. Use

his W. Toss on those falling from a jump:





Go Offensive B. Press, Air P3, W. Toss



Go Offensive P. Tackle, Air

Air P3. Crouch K3. P. Tackle

B. Press and P. Tackle

P. Tackle and S. Armor



Go Offensive W. Toss. B. Press and P. Tackle



Go Offensive Air P3, P. Tackle and S. Armor

Go Offensive Air P3 and High S. Tackle

W. Toss

DP3, S. Armor Go Defensive

Go Offensive

Go Offensive





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Colossus' Atom Drop is a bit of a dud. Yes, it is powerful-when it hits. It is too hard to place correctly. The only time it's useful is when the opponent is stunned.



The battle of the brutes. No fear here, though. Just do Air Fierce Punches with throws and Body Presses.

Magneto's Air Wave attacks are useless against his ground-to-air Power Tackle. Be sure to get Air Slams in, too!





#### SILVER-SAMURAI

Though armed with a vicious sword, SS takes a lot of getting used to in order to effectively play him. The best way to handle him is very defensively.





#### TIPS US:

Go Defensive Stars, E. Sword and P/K combos

Go Offensive Air Stars and Air P3

Go Offensive Dash R. Slash and Air Stars

Go Offensive Air Stars and P/K Combos

Go Defensive
Air Stars and
P/K Combos

Go Offensive E. Sword and Air Stars

Go Defensive Air Stars and P/K Combos

Go either Dash R. Slash and Air Stars

Go Defensive Crouching P3/K3 and Stars

Go Offensive P/K Combos and Air Stars

Go Defensive Air Stars and R. Slash

#### Defensive skills

Hit a button...seriously! Samurai has plenty coverage while crouching, in the air or standing. Mostly, the Fierce and Strong Punches work best.





#### SPERIOUS RESIDE

The Stars are a good deterrent, but lack power.
The best move to try is his





His Warp is a waste of power. Use his Elemental Blades if you know his normal moves well.

# THE HYPER-X SS's Lightning Storm

SS's Lightning Storm performs best when in a corner. His 5 Star Toss is even more powerful, but can be easily blocked.

therefore rendered useless.





The L. Storm has the best chance to hit.



This can be a bit of a problem. The best thing to do is the classic shorthops-and-Star-him-to-death method.



Super Jump over his Waves and beat him with Stars. Try to stay close and sweep him at every opportunity.







#### OMEGA RED

A sickeningly fun character, he can be played aggressively but within reason. His Tendrils are useful, but are his downfall when they miss their prev.







## DEFENSIVE SKILLS

Crouching Fierce! It is a multihitter that will either do damage or knock them away.

His Air Fierce is in the same light. with plenty of range to it.





Go Defensive C. Coil and Crouch P3

Air C. Coil and Air/Crouch P3

Go Offensive Ground/Air C.

Go Offensive Air P3 and Air

Go Offensive Air C. Coil and

C. Coil and Crouch, Air P3

Go Offensive Air C. Coil and Crouch K3

Air C. Coil and

Go Offensive Air C. Coil and Crouch K3 and P3

Go Offensive Air C. Coil and Crouch K3 and P3

Air C. Coil.





Coil and Air P3

C. Coil

O. Strike

Go Offensive

Go Offensive Crouch K3 and P3

Go Defensive Crouch P3 and K3







The first thing to know is to double tap to recall a sent Tendril. Don't waste time with Life Draining... slam him!



Omega Red doesn't have any X-Power specials, so all your energy can be used for the OD!

## THE HYPER

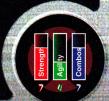
The Omega Destroyer is a lovely weapon that can hit high and low! Like most of its genre, this full-screen attack is best done while the opponents are cornered.



Guess what? The Jug is a sucker for Air Tendrils! Couple that with Air Fierce Punches and he is as good as toast!



Super Jump over his Waves or dash under and do an O. Strike. Try to stay far and do a Crouch Roundhouse Kick on him.





#### SPIRAL

One of the hardest characters to get used to, but when you learn her moves, look out! Her defense is great, and she packs a hard Hyper-X move!





#### TIPS US:

Go Defensive P3 and Throw Combos

Go Defensive.
Air Knives and
Air P3

Go Offensive. S. Toss, Air/Ground P3

Go Defensive S. Toss and Air/Ground P3

Go Offensive Air/Ground P3 S. Toss and S. Ring

Go Offensive Air/Ground P3, S. Toss and S. Ring

Go Offensive Air/Ground P3 and S. Toss

Go Offensive Air/Ground P3, S. Toss and S. Ring

Go Defensive P3, S. Ring and S. Toss

Go Offensive S. Toss and Air/Ground P3

Go Offensive S. Toss and Air/Ground P3

#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

Fierce Punch is an auto six-hitter that has great range and can be done in the air.

Next to that, there really isn't another attack that is as powerful.





#### SPECIALS & SUPER

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All she consists of is X-Powers, mostly Rotating Knives. Send them straight





Invisibility is nasty, but use the TeleSwitch, especially when you're above them. It's a good setup for an Upgrab combo.

#### THE HYPER-X

Vicious and brutal, it can be done both in the air and on the ground. It's best to scare the opponent into jumping away, which makes it harder to block her attack.







Just keep pelting him with Singular Knife Tosses and he should be skewered in no time.



Use Air Fierce to combat Magneto's Air Wave. Also, try to stay close and wedge in your six-hit Standing Fierce.





#### SENTINEL

This mighty Tetujin possesses an arsenal of moves that may seem weird, but his moves can counter nearly any attack to his (its?) body.





#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

The best defense on ground is Down while in the



Go Defensive Use Medium Kick and S. Force



Go Defensive Crouch K3, Air

Go Offensive P/K Combos, S.

Go Offensive

R. Punch

Air R. Punch and Air D/K3

Go Defensive Air R. Punch and S. Force

Air D/K3 and

Go Offensive K2. S. Force, P3

Go Offensive S. Force and Air

Go Defensive K3, S. Force and

#### TIPS US:

















Go Offensive S. Force

and P4

R. Punch

Air R. Punch





his Medium Kick, a full frontal arc lined with bombs. Hold

> air and do a Fierce Kick for a multihit Fan Blade

us R SUPFAS

The Rocket Punch is

good for airborne

attackers.

really effective when in

the air. Sentinel Force is

THE HYPER-X

Don't charge the Plasma

touch the Charging Orb.

If they do, release imme-

Storm on nearby

enemies, unless they

diately to tag them on the way down.



Its only other X-Power is

flight, which is good with

its normal downward

attacks.

With Jug, you can either do plenty of repeated Sentinel Forces or Air Down/ Crouching Roundhouses.



Stay in the air and level him with Rocket Punches. While he's in the air, try for an Air Down Roundhouse.





#### AKUMA

Ported straight from SSFTT, this guy can be played any way you like. His speed is unmatched, his power is great and he is such a tiny thing to hit!





#### TIPS US:

Go Defensive
Use Counter often
and D. Punch

Go Defensive Use Air Fireballs from far away

Go Offensive Use Punch/Kick Combos

Go Offensive Keep close, use Counters and DP

Go Offensive Air Fireballs and Punch/Kicks

Go Defensive
Use Counter and
Dragon Punch

Go Offensive
Use Counter
and Dive Kicks

Go either Use Counter and Air Fireballs

Go Defensive
Use D. Punch
and Air Fireballs

Go Offensive Punch/Kick Combos and DP

Go Offensive P/K Combos and Counters

#### DEFENSIVE SKILLS

Like his previous version, his arcing Fierce Kick is good for frontal protection, and his

Crouching Fierce is an easy out. His best is still his Counter X move.







#### SPECIALS & SUPEAS

You can throw consecutive Dual Air Fireballs. If the enemy is on the ground, do





move is
his Counter. If used
sparingly, it will sucker
the enemy all the time!

#### THE HYPER-X

His Super Fireball should be timed up close on descending opponents.

Likewise with the DP version, this will ensure both surprise and a good hit!



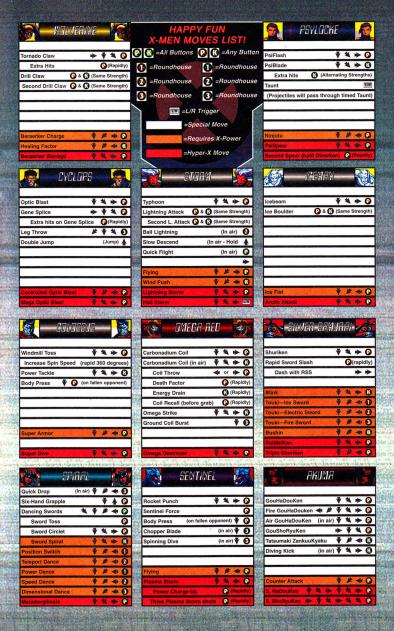
Both moves should

Both moves should be done fairly close.



Why is it that the first Boss is always a sucker for air attacks? A flurry of Air Fireballs will keep the Juggernaut away. Do a Super Jump over his Waves and attack with Close Air Fireballs. While on the ground, do the Juggernaut pattern.





# ETRATEGY GUIDE

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