



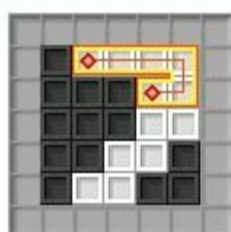
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## Polarium



PLATFORM: DS  
ESRB RATING: E

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**GAMEPAD RATING**

**7**

Draw lines to flip black and white tiles, making patterns disappear.

### GP REVIEW

Good fun for puzzle gamers  
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*You might say I was immediately drawn to this puzzle game. Ha, ha, ha! Nothing like a cheesy joke to lead off a review, eh?*

I'm a bit of a puzzle game addict; in fact, Dr. Mario rarely leaves my GBA, and this game has a lot of what I like: it's a puzzle game and it let's me have stylus fun. I'm also big on stylus gaming. What did I do before Nintendo DS? That's a question for another day.



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Let's talk about Polarium, shall we?

So you start up the game and you're faced with four choices: Challenge, Puzzles, Versus, and Lounge.

I'll start off with Challenge, since it's the mode I played most! Similar to puzzle games, like Tetris, in Challenge Mode you play to eliminate lines while the pieces drop; the only difference with this is the pieces are HUGE. Actually, the pieces are more like small puzzles within the larger puzzle game. It can become very intense very quickly. High scores in this mode are hard to achieve. They give you rankings by a letter grade, like A, A+, B, etc.; I don't think I got higher than a D, but I still had fun.

Then there's Puzzle mode, which is basically just a bunch of puzzles you've got to figure out. No time limit, no clearing lines, just figuring out how to clear the entire board with one draw; some are simple, others I'm not sure I'll ever figure out! In this mode, you can also create your own puzzles.

Finally, there's the Versus and Lounge; you can set up a wireless link with your fellow DS players – send a demo, send and receive puzzles, and play head-to-head.

As for Polarium's graphics, well, they're nothing to write home about. They don't take anything away from the functionality of the game, but they certainly don't add to it either; pretty basic stuff.

The music's okay, too. I like it while I'm playing, but if you accidentally leave the music going and walk away from your DS for a second, you'll notice how very aggravating it can be. So for the sanity of your parents, when they ask you to turn down the volume, please do it!

I like Polarium, but do I love it? No. Would I go out and spend my hard-earned gaming buck on it? Maybe. I wouldn't mind getting it as a gift though! Hint, hint.

<b>OVERALL:</b> <b>7</b>	<b>GAMEPLAY:</b> 8	<b>SOUND:</b> 6
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