Subject: Re: Prototype Stern "Striker Xtreme"
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To: jay@

Hi Jay,

here we go.
I attached some detail pictures of an early Striker Extreme Playfield #16
They are a bit dusty - hopefully that does not matter too much.

1) Playfield screen
The flag of the Netherlands has been printed wrong - they used the Czech flag instead. As it can be seen with glue rests - they put a paper printed flag over it for the display on the IMA fair and ATEI
Also the inscript above has changed from 'defeat Countries to Lite Extra Ball' to 'Defeat Countries for Celebration Multiball'
probably there are more differences

2) Goal
The prototype goal is made out of transparent thick plastic. It looks quite different than the one on the final game

3) Stadium ramp
That looks definitely like hand molded - the surface is not as flat as the series version

4) Stadium
The stadium with people sticker on it is white (not grey) and hand molded & hand cut

5) Flipper Area Artwork
The man and woman above the flipper are different, as is the man below the right flipper.

6) Upper Left habitrail
The long gold habitrail has been changed between proto games and final version, as the ball got stuck on the proto games quite often - the short habitrail in lower left playfield may be same.

7) Under Playfield/tech
The proto game used only 1 Relais for the Goalie and therefore needs a different software than the final playfield. Swapping playfields always needed a new playfield. That was the reason for Stern to ship 18 NOS playfields to Germany to be replaced in the proto games. These shipments also contained the final translites (no picture proto print backglass avail.) and the ball

8) Upper Left Flipper Area
In the production version, a man was added on the playfield art near the flipper along with the words "Corner Kick".

This was the best I could do in a short time.
I wish I had pictures from the awesome proto slings and the bad proto 'translite'

Kind regards
Martin