

General Description (part 2)

On arrival at the shops, Shopper 13's mission is to locate and retrieve the 'big cheese', and this is achieved using the on-board video camera (for target identification) and the articulated arms and hands. Once safely grasped, the cheese is stowed in the main trolley compartment for the return journey.

Unfortunately, during the mission not everything goes according to plan. The cheese (a large edam) proves too heavy; the Shopper's frame starts to buckle under the load and one of the rear driving wheels falls off. The one remaining driving wheel causes the Shopper to circle helplessly in the middle of the shopping aisle. However, following some quick thinking back at mission control, a quickly extended arm grabs a nearby French stick, and uses it to stabilise the Shopper. The mission is able to continue with the Shopper using the French stick as a crutch in place of the missing wheel.

After hobbling back to West Wallaby Street, 're-entry' appears to be successful, but while scaling the doorstep to the house the Shopper becomes unstable and falls over, causing the cheese to roll out of the main trolley compartment and back down the path towards the gate.

With the edam now stranded, Wallace (as mission director) has one last option and he launches the 'probe' to try and retrieve it.