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Program Installation

Electronically distributed version

Once you have downloaded the game, store it on your PC's hard drive and unzip the files. Then, simply double-click "Video Poker Pro.exe" to launch the installer. Then, simply follow the instructions on the screen to install the game on your Pocket PC.

Once the game is installed you can start it on your Pocket PC by selecting "Programs" from your Start menu. Then select the "Games" folder where you will find a program icon for "Video Poker Pro." Simply tap the icon with your stylus to start the game.

Retail version

Insert the CD-ROM in your PC's CD-ROM drive and the game's installer should start automatically. If after a few seconds, the installer does not start automatically, locate the file "Video Poker Pro.exe" on the CD-ROM and double-click it. Then, simply follow the instructions on the screen to install the game on your Pocket PC.

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System Requirements

Pocket PC

"Video Poker Pro" requires a Pocket PC running Windows CE for Pocket PC with a StrongARM, MIPS or SH3 processor, depending on the program version you have available. In order to install the game you will need 2 MB of free storage space on your Pocket PC. To run the game you will need about 2.5 MB of available memory.

For installation of the game you will need a desktop PC with Microsoft ActiveSync installed.

Desktop PC

"Video Poker Pro" requires a PC running Windows 95/98/ME/200 or XP. In order to install the game you will need 4 MB of free storage space on your PC's hard drive.

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About Video Poker Pro

While Blackjack is the most popular casino card game played at the tables, Poker is quickly becoming the most popular card game played on video machines. And while regular Poker may intimidate even the most accomplished players, its variation of Video Poker is actually very easy to learn and offers odds that can be in your favor. Unlike many other casino games, such as slots and its derivatives, Video Poker is not a game of luck alone. It is also a game of skills, and when you perfect your skills at playing Video Poker, you will actually find payoffs much more favorable than those of slot machines.

Welcome to the party

When you start up "Video Poker Pro" the program will take you to a selection screen that allows you to access your players. If this is the first time you start up the game, only the menu entry "Create Player" will be available to you. In any other case, the player you have been playing last will also be listed for quick access, as well as a menu entry that allows you to list all the players you have created so far.

Create player

Select this menu entry to create an entirely new player. The program will take you to the **Player Option Screen**, where you can create a new player and select the features for that player before you enter the actual game.

Play 'Name of Player'

This entry allows you to immediately jump into the game with the player you have been using last. Without much hassle, the game gives you quick access to the **Game Screen** that way.

List all players

This menu entry takes you to a **List Screen** in which all the players you have created are listed for selection. This way you have access to players you have not played in a while.

Register full version

As long as you have not registered your copy of "Video Poker Pro" you are playing a demo version of the game that is limited in features. You will see a message on the screen that indicates that you are playing the demo version, complete with a button that allows you to enter registration information to unlock the game's full features. Once you have registered your game, the text message and the button are no longer needed and will no longer appear on the screen.

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Credits

This button will take you to a screen with information about the people who brought you "Video Poker Pro."

Exit

This button exits the program. All data will be saved, including your current player's status so that you will find it in the same state the next time you start up the game.

Creating a player

Once you get to the Player Option Screen you can enter information about the player and customize the many features the game offers you. Making changes is easy. Simply tap your stylus on the selection you want to make to checkmark it. Some of the options and features described here are not available in the demo version of "Video Poker Pro." A message box will appear on the screen whenever you select such an option, informing you that this feature is disabled. You will have to register the program in order to have full access to all these features.

Player Name

Tap on this area to enter or edit your player's name. Player names are limited to 10 characters in length in order to properly fit it on the game screen. Once you select this entry, a keypad will appear at the bottom of the screen allowing you to enter the name. Simply press the "Enter" key to finish the input or hit the "ESC" key to cancel your changes.

Purse

In this area you will see how much money your player currently has available to gamble, as well as how much money you originally provided him with. This information is particularly interesting to see if and how much money your player has lost or won during his *career*.
Simply tap on the area and a keypad will appear that allows you to enter an amount of money to be added to the player's purse. Press the "Enter" key to confirm the input or hit the "ESC" key to cancel. In the demo version, you will be able to supply your player with only $50.

Coin

"Video Poker Pro" allows you to select from various coin denominations like you find them in real casinos. If you set it to $1, it means that the game will use $1 coins. Each game allows you play a maximum of five coins. Denominations available are $.25, $1 and $5.

Rules

There are number of different variations of Video Poker, each having its own variation of rules and payouts. "Video Poker Pro" gives you the opportunity to select from six different rule sets. We have selected these particular rule sets since they represent the majority of Video Poker rules played in American casinos. Here is a listing of the rules as they are implemented. Keep in mind however that the payouts may change from casino to casino even within these metropolises, so make sure to double-check the payout tables when in doubt and use these general rule sets to practice. You will not be able to change the rules in the demo version.

Jacks or Better
- Any pair of Jacks or better will pay

Jacks or Better Progressive
- Any pair of Jacks or better will pay
- Every bet will play into a progressively growing jackpot
- Royal Flush, played with 5 coins, will win the progressive jackpot

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Tens or Better
- Any pair of Tens or better will pay

Deuces Wild
- Deuces, the 2s in the game, are wild and can substitute any other card in the game.
- Any three of a kind will pay
- Pairs do not pay!

Joker Wild
- The game contains a 53rd card, a Joker
- Any pair of Kings or Aces will pay

Joker Wild Two Pairs
- The game contains a 53rd card, a Joker
- Any two pairs will pay
- Pairs do not pay!

Sound

This switch allows you to turn the game's sound effects on and off. Select "SFX" to turn on only the sound effects but not the ambient background effects. Select "Full" to turn all sound effects on, or select "Off" to turn off all sound effects.

Speech

This switch allows you to turn the voice-overs on and off independently from the rest of the sound effects.

Dealer

With this three-way toggle you can decide how quickly you want the dealer to deal out cards. Select "Normal" or "Fast" if you wish the game rounds to commence at a faster pace.

Tutor

This switch allows you to turn the tutor on and off that helps you practice the Basic Strategy outlined later in this manual. After you have made your decision which cards to hold and which to discard, the game will evaluate your decision and compare it against the recommendation of the **Basic Strategy**. If your decision was incorrect, the program will display an alarm indicating, which selection should have made. Please note that the tutor will only alarm you **after** you have made your decision. It has been implemented that way in order to create a better learning effect and not to serve as help to make the decision *for* you. The goal is that you will eventually learn from your mistakes. The tutor is permanently disabled in the demo version.

Interface

To accommodate both left- and right-handed players, "Video Poker Pro" lets you switch the user interface from left to right. This way you can easily adapt the game to your own requirements.

Help

Selecting this button will take you to in game help screens that briefly explain the options outlined above.

Reset

The "Reset" button allows you to reset all of the player's options to their default settings.

Stats

The "Stats" button will take you to a screen on which some interesting and helpful statistics are displayed about your player. "Video Poker Pro" keeps track of your playing and allows you to review certain pieces of that information. On the statistics screen you will see how many hands you have played in total, how

many of those hands you have won, how many you have lost and how many errors the tutor has detected in your play.

The statistics that are displayed are separated in two blocks. The first block entitled "Total overview" shows the information accumulated from the moment you created the player. The block called "Session overview" contains the statistical data for the last "session." You can reset the session data and start a new one by simply clicking on the "Clear session" button at the bottom of the screen.

Exit

This button will take you back to the game.

The List Screen

"Video Poker Pro" allows you to save up to 10 players. You can create them individually and assign options and features to each one of them. This way you can create players to train playing Deuces Wild, and others that go for the jackpot instead.

In order to get access to all these players, the program contains a Player List Screen. Here the names of all 10 players are listed for easy access, together with information about their purse. To play one of them, simply tap on the name with your stylus. If you feel you no longer need one of the players, simply tap your stylus on the trashcan symbol next to the name. A message box will appear asking you to confirm the deletion.

If you want to leave the screen and return to the loading screen, simply tap your stylus on the "Exit" button in the lower right hand corner of the screen.
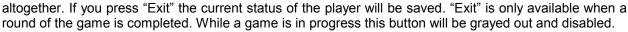
Playing the game

Once you enter the actual game you will be presented with the game screen, with a number of areas for interaction. These areas are important as they give you access to important features of the game.

Name area

In the upper left hand corner you will see your player's name and the amount of money in the player's purse. If you click on this area on the screen the game will take you to the **Option Screen** where you can turn the various features of the game on and off, and thus customize the game for your needs. In the option screen you can also change the player's name and add money to his purse.

Exit

If you click on the "Exit" button, you will leave the game and return to the **Loading Screen** from where you have access to all your players and from where you can exit the game altogether. If you press "Exit" the current status of the player will be saved. "Exit" is only available when a round of the game is completed. While a game is in progress this button will be grayed out and disabled.

Coins and Bet areas

In order to place a bet you will simply have to click on the gold coins on the screen. If the table's coin denomination is $1, clicking on the coins will add one $1 coin to your current bet. If you wish to correct your bet, simply click on the "Bet" text area and your current bet will be erased, giving you the opportunity to place your bet anew.

Before every round of play the game will request that you make your wager as indicated by the "Place your bet" highlight on the screen. Once you have selected a bet of one or more coins, a new button will appear on the screen, saying "Deal." Click on this button whenever you are satisfied with your bet and want the game to commence.

The dealer will now deal out the first five cards to you. After that it is time for you to make your choice and decide which cards to hold and which ones to discard. Simply tap on the cards you wish to hold and then tap on the "Deal" button at the bottom of the screen once you are satisfied with your choice and wish the game to proceed.

For an explanation of the meaning of these terms and their impact on the game, please read the next chapter, **The Play Of The Game**.

Speedbet

Once you have played one round of the game you will notice that a button called "Speedbet" appears at the bottom of the screen every time the game asks you to place a bet. This button is for your convenience and hitting it will automatically place the same bet you made in the previous game and immediately commences the game. This way you do not have to select the chips after every round and confirm them with the "Deal" button.

Please play responsibly!

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