

Video Poker Plu\$!

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Game Window Elements

Credits Grid

The Credits Grid displays the number of credits possible for each winning hand. The first column of the grid lists the possible winning hands. Each of the other five columns lists the credits that may be won based on the number of credits you have bet.

Game Play Options

In the Game Play options area you may select the type of game you wish to play. To play Jacks or Better click on it or press the Alt+J key combination to select it. To play Deuces Wild click on it or press the Alt+W key combination to select it. You may also select the game type from the Options Menu.

You may toggle the Double Up option on or off for either type of game by clicking on it or by pressing the Alt+U key combination. You may also select it from the Options Menu.

Current Game Status

The four elements immediately to the right of the Card Display keep you informed of the status of the current game. Each of those four elements are described below.

Instructions: Informs you when to Make Bet, Deal, Hold, or Draw. You will also be informed here when you need to Add Credits. When the instruction is to Add Credits you may simply click on that instruction to add the default number of credits. You may also Add Credits from the Add Credits Menu. The number of credits added is determined by the default credits setting which may be changed by selecting 'Change Default' from the Add Credits Menu.

Status of the current hand: Just below the Instructions any winning combination that may exist in the currently dealt hand is displayed. After the initial Deal this information may be used to help you decide what cards to hold. After the draw the highest winning combination in the resultant hand is displayed and the associated number of credits is awarded. To see about statistics about the current game, such as the number of hands won or the percentage of return on the credits played, select 'Current Game Statistics' from the Game Menu.

Credits: This display shows the number of credits you currently have. Your credits are increased when you add credits yourself or when you are awarded credits for a winning hand. Your credits are decreased by the amount you bet when you lose a hand.

Bet: Displays your current bet. This is the amount your credits will be decreased if you do not have a winning hand. The amount you bet also determines the number of credits you will be awarded if you have a winning hand, the number of credits bet corresponding to the appropriate column in the Credits Grid.

The Card Display

This is where the cards you are dealt will be displayed.

Play Buttons

The four buttons across the bottom of the Game Window are, from right to left:

Deal/Draw: Press this button to Deal after making your bet, or to Draw after selecting the cards you wish to hold after the initial deal. You may press this button using the keyboard by using the Alt+D key combination or by simply pressing the D key.

Max Bet: Press this button to bet the maximum of five credits and deal the initial hand. If you use this button you do not need to press the Deal button. You may press this button using the keyboard by using the Alt+M key combination or by simply pressing the M key.

Bet 1: Press this button to bet one credit. You may press it any number of times up to the maximum of five. If you bet five the initial hand is automatically dealt. If you bet less you will need to press the Deal button to start the hand. You may press this button using the keyboard by using the Alt+B key combination or by simply pressing the B key.

Hold All/Discard All/No: You may press this button to hold all cards, or unhold all cards (discard) after the initial deal. If you are playing Double Up, after a winning hand you press this button to skip the Double Up play. When Holding or Discarding you may press this button using the keyboard by using the Alt+A key combination or by simply pressing the A key. When you are in a Double Up you may press this button using the keyboard by using the Alt+N key combination or by simply pressing the N key.

Hold / Pick Buttons

When in normal play mode, you press these buttons to hold or unhold (discard) the corresponding card after the initial deal. You may also just click on the card itself. To hold or unhold using the keyboard press the number keys 1 through 5. The cards are numbered from left to right.

The left most hold button is also used if you are playing Double Up. After a winning hand you press this button to play the Double Up or may press it from the keyboard by simply pressing Alt+Y or the Y key. If you select to play the Double Up the first card is dealt and is the card you must beat to win. The Hold buttons 2 through 4 become Pick buttons. Select the card you would like to use to beat the dealt card. You may select a card by clicking on it, by clicking on the corresponding Pick button, or from the keyboard by pressing the number key that corresponds to the card you want to select. The Pick cards are numbered 2 through 4 from left to right.

Game Menu

New Game

Starts a new game. You will be prompted to save the current game if you have not saved it recently. The game play options will be set to those of the last saved game. You may also select this menu item from the keyboard by using the Ctrl+N key combination.

Open Game

Opens a saved game. The Open Game dialog will appear. You may enter the path and name of the game you wish to open, or double click on it if it appears in the file list window. You may navigate to any directory or drive the same as you would in any Windows® 95/NT™ Open dialog. You will be prompted to save the current game if you have not saved it recently. The game play options will be set as they were when you saved the game. You may also select this menu item from the keyboard by using the Ctrl+O key combination.

Save Game

Saves the current game. If you have not yet saved the current game, the Save Game dialog will appear. You may enter the path and name for the game, or double click on it if it appears in the file list window. If you wish to overwrite an existing game a prompt will be displayed to confirm the action. Press Yes to overwrite it or No to cancel the operation. You may navigate to any directory or drive the same as you would in any Windows® 95/NT™ Save dialog. The current game play options will be saved with the game file. You may also select this menu item from the keyboard by using the Ctrl+S key combination.

Save Game As

Saves the current game to a name you select. The Save As dialog appears. You may enter the path and name for the game, or double click on it if it appears in the file list window. If you wish to overwrite an existing game a prompt will be displayed to confirm the action. Press Yes to overwrite it or No to cancel the operation. You may navigate to any directory or drive the same as you would in any Windows® 95/NT™ Save dialog. The current game play options will be saved with the game file.

Load Last Game on Startup

If this option is checked the last played game is automatically opened when you start Video Poker Plu\$™. If you start Video Poker Plu\$™ by double clicking on a game file in Explorer, this option is ignored and the game file you clicked on is opened.

Current Game's Statistics

Displays the dialog pictured below. At any time during a game you may view this dialog by selecting it from this menu or by pressing the Ctrl+G key combination on the keyboard. For the current game, this dialog displays the number of hands played, the number of those hands you have won, your odds of getting a winning hand, the number of credits you have played, the number of credits you have won, and the current percent of return on your 'money' or credits played. The odds are calculated by dividing the number of hands won by the number of hands played. The return percentage is calculated by dividing the number of credits won by the number of credits of played. You can use this information to evaluate the success or failure of the method you are using to play the game. Play several games using different methods and compare the statistics to find the most successful methods.

The Most Recently Used File List

The four most recently played game files are listed here. You may open one by clicking on it. A dialog will inform you if the game file no longer exists. If you wish to look for it press the OK button and the Open file dialog will appear. Press Cancel to skip it and return to the current game.

Exit

Closes and exits Video Poker Plu\$™. If you have not saved the current game recently you will be prompted to do so. Press Yes if you wish to save the game, No to continue exiting without saving it, or Cancel to return to the current game. You may also use the QuickExit feature.

Options Menu

Jacks or Better / Deuces Wild

Select the type of game you want to play by clicking on one of these menu items. You may also select the type of game to play using the option buttons on the Game Window. In Jacks or Better play you must have at least a pair of Jacks or higher to have a winning hand. Any lower pairs, tens for example, do not win. There are no wild cards in Jacks or Better. In Deuces Wild play you must have at least 'three of a kind' to have a winning hand. As the name implies, all twos are wild. With wild cards a single hand may have several winning combinations. Video Poker Plu\$™ awards credits on the highest of the possible winning combinations for that hand.

Double Up

Toggles Double Up on or off. You may also toggle Double Up on or off using the check box on the Game Window. The Double Up feature offers you an opportunity to double the credits you are awarded for any winning hand. If you have a winning hand you will be asked if you want to Double Up. You may press the No button (N or Alt+N on the keyboard) to skip it for any hand. If you press the Yes button (Y or Alt+Y on the keyboard) the first card is dealt face up. This is the card you must beat to double your the credits awarded, or match to keep them. The other cards are dealt face down. Select one of the face down cards. To select a card, click on it or press the corresponding Pick button. You may also select a card by pressing the corresponding number key on the keyboard. The face down cards are numbered 2 through 5 from left to right. If you do not beat or match the first card, you lose the awarded credits and that hand. This option is stored in the game file when you save it and becomes the default for New games

Select Deck

Displays a sub-menu where you may switch the deck you are playing. The faces of the Red Deck are what you would typically see in most decks of cards. The Blue Deck faces are closer to what you typically see on a real video poker machine in the casino. An example of each is show below. You may switch decks at any time during a game except when in a Double Up.

Sound Effects

Toggles the sound effects on or off. You may enjoy them, or you may find them extremely annoying. Sound effects may toggled on or off at any time during the game except during a Double Up.

Add Credits Menu

Add Default

You may add credits by clicking this menu item or by using the Ctrl+A key combination at anytime during the game except during a Double Up. The number of credits added is determined by the default setting which can be changed at any time during the game by selecting 'Change Default' from this menu.

Change Default

You may change the default number credits added at any time during the game except when doing a Double Up. Select the 'Change Default' item from this menu. The dialog pictured below will be displayed. Click on the button to the right of the drop down list and select the amount you would like to be the new default then click on the OK button to save the new setting and close the dialog. The choices represent most of the possible combinations of denomination and the value of the credits in the 'machine' your playing. For example, to simulate inserting a \$20 bill in a quarter machine select 80, or to simulate putting the same amount of money in a nickel machine select 400. Click on the Cancel button to discard any changes and close the dialog.

Help Menu

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Opens and displays this help file.

About Video Poker Plu\$(TM)...

Displays a dialog with copyright information. Pressing the [Credits](#) button displays a dialog containing the names of the people responsible for bringing you Video Poker Plu\$(TM).

Keyboard Shortcut Keys

Menu Shortcuts

Ctrl+N.....New Game
Ctrl+O.....Open Game
Ctrl+S.....Save Game
Ctrl+G.....Current Game's Statistics
Ctrl+A.....Add Default (credits)

Game Window Shortcuts

Alt+J.....Selects 'Jacks or Better'
Alt+W.....Selects 'Deuces Wild'
Alt+U.....Toggles 'Double Up' on or off

A or Alt+A.....Hold All or Discard All
B or Alt+B.....Bet 1
D or Alt+D.....Deal/Draw
M or Alt+M.....Max Bet
N or Alt+N.....No (when in 'Double Up')
Y or Alt+Y.....Yes (when in 'Double Up')

1.....Hold or Discard first card (except when in 'Double Up')
2.....Hold, Discard, or Pick second card
3.....Hold, Discard, or Pick third card
4.....Hold, Discard, or Pick fourth card
5.....Hold, Discard, or Pick fifth card

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Registration and Technical Support

Registration

You may register online if you downloaded Video Poker Plu\$™ from a shareware site that offers online registration. You may also send a check or money order for \$10 to the address noted below for technical support. You will receive confirmation of receipt of your payment, along with your customer number, within three weeks. If you need technical support before that time, please email or write as noted below. If we have record of your payment, your question will be answered.

Technical Support

Once you are a registered user of Video Poker Plu\$™ you will receive free technical support by email or by letter. Please include your customer number in the email. Describe clearly your question or problem. If you refer to an error dialog include the caption text of the dialog as well as the exact text of the error message. Explain fully what you were doing when it occurred. The more information I have, the more likely I will be able to resolve the problem. Also, please be sure to include your return address if writing by letter.

Email: ruizt@msn.com and include 'VPP Support' in the subject line.

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Add Credits

Adding credits is equivalent to inserting money in a video poker machine at the casino.

Credits

Credits are the equivalent of money when playing a real video poker machine in a casino.

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Deal

Deal begins the hand by dealing five cards from the shuffled fifty-two card deck.

Deuces Wild

In 'Deuces Wild' play you must have at least 'three of a kind' to have a winning hand. As the name implies, all twos are wild. With wild cards a single hand may have several winning combinations. Video Poker Plu\$(TM) awards credits on the highest of the possible winning combinations for that hand.

Double Up

Gives you the opportunity to double the credits awarded for a winning hand.

Draw

Draw ends the hand. After you have selected the cards you wish to hold from the initial deal, you press the 'Draw' button to replace the unheld cards. The resultant hand is evaluated for any winning combination.

Explorer

The Windows 95/NT program used to view the directories and files on you hard drive or other selected drive.

Hold

After the initial deal, which begins the hand, you may select any number of the five cards to be held, or none at all. You hold cards by clicking on them, or by pressing the associated 'Hold' button.

Jacks or Better

In 'Jacks or Better' play you must have at least a pair of Jacks or higher to have a winning hand. Any lower pairs, tens for example, do not win. There are no wild cards in Jacks or Better.

Make Bet

You make a bet by pressing the 'Bet 1' or 'Max Bet' buttons. The maximum credits that may be bet is five. You will lose those credits if you are not dealt a winning hand.

QuickExit

You may make a quick exit from the game by right clicking the mouse on any open space in the Game Window. The game you are playing is not saved and you are not prompted to save it. This is a great way to get rid of the game quick when your boss stops by.

