



EXCALIBUR ELECTRONICS DELUXE LCD BRIDGE



OPERATING MANUAL

Congratulations on your purchase of Excalibur Electronics' Deluxe LCD Bridge. It's the most realistic handheld bridge game there is! You'll get hours of fun—and great practice—playing against the computer.

Deluxe LCD Bridge is easy to use, but be sure to use it safely. Before starting, please read this manual thoroughly, especially noting safety, care and battery information. Keep this manual for reference.

Installing the Batteries

Your Deluxe LCD Bridge requires 3 AAA batteries, not included. To install the batteries, carefully turn Deluxe LCD Bridge over so that the unit is face-down on a soft surface. Find the battery compartment on the back of the unit. Use a small Phillips

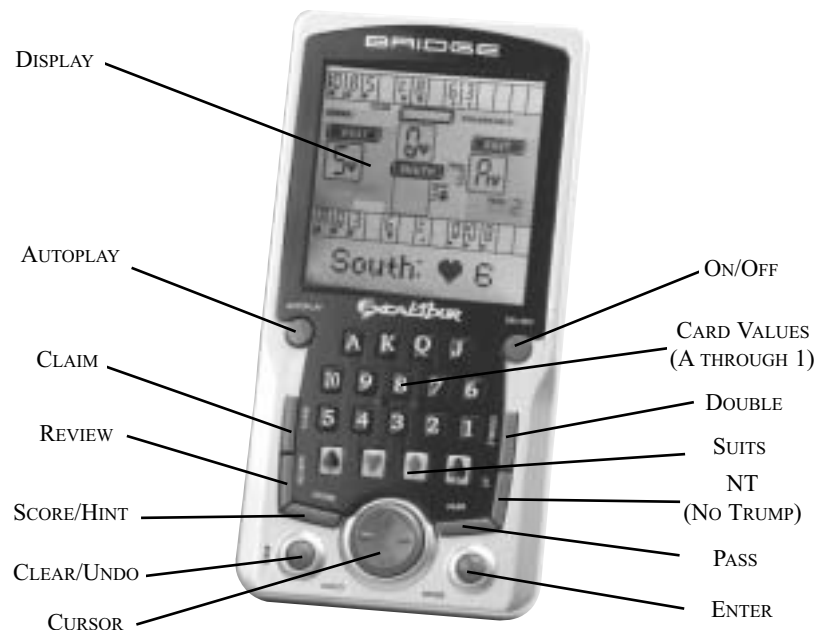
screwdriver to remove the screw. Lift off the battery compartment lid. Install the batteries, making sure to match polarity (+ and -). Place the tab of the battery compartment lid in its slot and close the compartment door. Replace the screw and tighten.

If you need to review the complete rules of bridge or the meaning of bridge terms, just go to:

www.ExcaliburElectronics.com



Layout of Deluxe LCD Bridge



Functions of Buttons

ON/OFF: Turns the display on and off. The current game is retained in the memory when the computer is turned off.

AUTOPLAY: The computer plays the rest of the cards of the game in progress.

CLAIM: Claims the tricks you expect to win of the game in progress. This saves the time it would take to finish the game on your own.

REVIEW: During bidding, will allow you to view the record of bidding. During play, will allow you to view the last trick played.

SCORE/HINT: Press once to view the current score. Press twice, and it will provide the computer's suggested bid (during bidding) or the computer's suggested card to play (during the game in progress).

CLEAR/UNDO: Returns to the last step or exits the game in progress.

CURSOR: Can be used to change the selected function, to review more information, to select a card to play or to bid.

ENTER: To confirm the selected function, bid or led card displayed on the screen.

PASS: To Pass during bidding.

NT (NO TRUMP): To bid No Trump during bidding.

DOUBLE: To select Double or Redouble during bidding.

SUITS (SPADES, HEARTS, DIAMONDS OR CLUBS): To select the suit to be bid or played.

CARD VALUES (A THROUGH 1):

After selecting the suit, selects the value of the card to be bid or played. Also selects the number of tricks you expect to win if you decide to claim the rest of the hand.

Playing Deluxe LCD Bridge

Your Deluxe LCD Bridge pits you against the computer. Excalibur research labs have brought you the latest in bridge technology. You can either make your own choices in bidding and playing the hand, or you can get hints from the computer on what it thinks you should do.

Deluxe LCD Bridge allows you to choose from three different levels of difficulty to improve your play. The hands have been carefully researched to provide you with instructional and entertaining hands to play. Contract bridge scoring is used to keep track of the number of points you have accumulated while playing.

Bidding

1. Press **ON/OFF** to turn on the unit. "Play game" is displayed.
2. Press **ENTER**. "Rand Deal" is displayed.
3. Press **ENTER**. The cards have been dealt randomly to each player. You are in the South chair.
4. Because the computer assigns who the dealer is randomly, you may open the bidding or have to wait for the other players to bid. When the South frame flashes and "Bid: PASS" is displayed on the LCD, it's your turn to bid.

Note: At any time during the bidding, you may press the **CLEAR/UNDO** button to stop the bidding. "Exit Game?" is then displayed. Press **ENTER** to confirm your action.

5. To bid, press a **SUIT** button or the **NT** button, and then a **CARD VALUE** button. You can also press the **DOUBLE** button to double your opponent's bid, or press **PASS**. An alternative way to select your bid is to use the **CURSOR**. Press the right and left sides of the **CURSOR** to scroll through your bidding choices.
6. Press **ENTER** to confirm your bid.
7. Every time the South frame flashes it's your turn to bid again. The bidding will continue until there have been three consecutive pass-

es. Bidding is then over and the playing phase of the game begins. Note: If a bid is doubled, an "X" is displayed as that player's bid. If a bid is redoubled, "XX" is displayed as that player's bid. After the bidding is over, the "X" or "XX" will be displayed next to the declarer's bid to indicate that the bid has been doubled or redoubled.

Playing

1. When the South frame flashes, it's your turn to lead a card. If North is declarer or dummy, you will play both the North and South hands, and the 13 cards of the dummy hand will be displayed at the top of the screen. You may select a card by using the **SUIT** and **CARD VALUES** buttons or by using the **CURSOR** (see Bidding, number 5 above).

Note: At any time during the play, you may press the **CLEAR/UNDO** button to leave the game. "Exit Game?" is then displayed. Press **ENTER** to confirm your action.

2. Press **ENTER** to confirm your card choice. When each player has played a card, they will all be displayed on the table. Press **ENTER** to clear the table and to start playing the next trick. Note: If you

wish to review the last trick, press **REVIEW** before you play your next card. Then press **CLEAR/UNDO** to continue play.

3. The number of tricks your opponents have won is displayed below the East hand. The number of tricks that you and your partner have won is displayed behind the South hand.
4. The play continues until all 13 tricks have been won by one of the partnerships. After the last trick has been played, the score of the hand will be displayed. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** to return to the Deal menu.

Note: If you and your partner have won one game, then "Vulnerable" will be displayed behind North. If your opponents have won one game, then "Vulnerable" will be displayed below the West cards.

To select the Game Level

You may select one of three different levels: Beginner, Normal and Advance. The computer is preset at the Beginner level. If you would like to change to another level, press **CLEAR/UNDO** until "Play game" is displayed. Then press the right side of the **CURSOR** and "Game level" is displayed. Press **ENTER**, and "Beginner" will be displayed. Press the right side of the **CURSOR** to select the next level of "Normal" and then press again for "Advance." Press the

left side of the **CURSOR** to return to the “Normal” and “Beginner” levels. When you have made your selection, press **ENTER**. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** to return to “Play game.”

To select the Game Mode

You may select one of two different game modes: Rubber or Duplicate. The computer is preset at the Rubber mode. Rubber bridge is usually an informal type of play, while Duplicate is the mode used for tournament play. If you would like to change to another level, press **CLEAR/UNDO** until “Play game” is displayed. Then press the right side of the **CURSOR** twice and “Game Mode” is displayed. Press **ENTER**, and “Rubber” will be displayed. Press the right side of the **CURSOR** to select the next mode of “Duplicate.” Press the left side of the **CURSOR** to return to the “Rubber” mode. When you have made your selection, press **ENTER**. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** to return to “Play game.”

To view the Score

Press the **SCORE/HINT** button to review the current score. Press the down side of the **CURSOR** to review the total scores for both hands of NS (North/South) and EW (East/West.)

To clear the Score

Press **CLEAR/UNDO** until “Play game” is displayed. Press the right

side of the **CURSOR** repeatedly until “Clear Score” is displayed. Press **ENTER** to reset the score to zero (0). “Score Reset!” is then displayed. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** to return to your previous screen.

To select the Dealing Option

There are two dealing options before you start a new hand. The computer is preset at the Random Option. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** until “Play game” is displayed. Press **ENTER** and “Rand deal” is displayed. Then press the right side of the **CURSOR** and “Same deal” is displayed. Press the left side of the **CURSOR** to return to “Rand deal.” When you have made your selection, press **ENTER**. Press **CLEAR/UNDO** to return to “Play game.”

To get a Hint

Press **SCORE/HINT** twice during either bidding or playing to get a hint. The computer will then display a suggested bid or play for you. Press **ENTER** to accept the hint, or **CLEAR/UNDO** to cancel the Hint display and then make your own bid or play.

To turn the Sound on or off

Press **CLEAR/UNDO** until “Play game” is displayed. Press the right side of the **CURSOR** repeatedly until “Set sound” is displayed. Press **ENTER** and “Sound off!” is displayed. The Sound text in the upper left-hand corner of the LCD will dis-

appear. Press **ENTER** and “Sound on!” is displayed. The Sound text in the upper left-hand corner of the LCD will reappear.

To set the Contrast of the LCD

Press **CLEAR/UNDO** until “Play game” is displayed. Press the right side of the **CURSOR** repeatedly until “Contrast” is displayed. Press **ENTER** and eight boxes are displayed.

Special Care & Handling

- Avoid rough handling such as bumping or dropping.
- Avoid moisture and extreme temperatures. For best results, use between the temperatures of 39°F and 100°F (4° C and 38° C).
- Clean using only a slightly damp cloth. Do not use cleaners with chemical agents.

Battery Information & Special Care

- Batteries should be installed or replaced only by an adult.
- Your Deluxe LCD Bridge uses 3 AAA batteries, not included.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the unit.
- Do not short circuit battery terminals.
- Remove batteries and store them in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- To avoid explosion or leakage, do not dispose of batteries in a fire or attempt to recharge alkaline or other non-rechargeable batteries.

Deluxe LCD Bridge may lock up due to static discharge or other electrical disturbances.

If this should happen, use a slim, pointed object to press the button marked “RESET” on the back of the unit.

Limited 90-Day Warranty

EXCALIBUR ELECTRONICS, INC., warrants to the original consumer that its products are free from any electrical or mechanical defects for a period of 90 DAYS from the date of purchase. If any such defect is discovered within the warranty period, EXCALIBUR ELECTRONICS, INC., will repair or replace the unit free of charge upon receipt of the unit, shipped postage prepaid and insured to the factory address shown at right.

The warranty covers normal consumer use and does not cover damage that occurs in shipment or failure that results from alterations, accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, wear and tear, inadequate maintenance, commercial use, or unreasonable use of the unit. Removal of the top panel voids all warranties. This warranty does not cover cost of repairs made or attempted outside of the factory.

Any applicable implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness, are hereby limited to 90 DAYS from the date of purchase. Consequential or incidental damages resulting from a breach of any applicable express or implied warranties are hereby excluded. Some states do not allow limitations on the duration of implied war-

rants and do not allow exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions in these instances may not apply.

The only authorized service center in the United States is:

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Ship the unit carefully packed, preferably in the original carton, and send it prepaid, and adequately insured. Include a letter, detailing the complaint and including your daytime telephone number, inside the shipping carton.

If your warranty has expired and you want an estimated fee for service, write to the above address, specifying the model and the problem.

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