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Chess Master

Electronic intelligent LCD games.



3 GAMES IN ONE!

CHESS MASTER gives you 3 separate levels of play. You can play at a HIGH level (L1) or at a HIGER level (L2) against the computer. Or you can play against another person (MA).

TO INSERT BATTERIES

Insert 3 batteries (LR44 or SR44) with the "+" sign up as shown in the diagram.



CONTRAST ADJUSTMENT

Adjustment of display contrast can be performed using the adjustment control located on the back of unit.

Rotate the knob to increase or reduce contrast. This is used to compensate contrast of the display in accordance with battery capacity or to adjust to compensate for the viewing angle.

A QUICK CHESS REFRESHER COURSE

The point of the game is to "checkmate" your opponent's KING. This occurs when the KING is put in a position where he cannot move in any direction without being taken from play.

THE PAWNS

These eight pieces move only forward, in a straight line and only one square at a time. They control the two squares diagonally ahead of the square on which they rest. Therefore, if an opposing chess piece is moved onto either of these two controlled squares, that piece can be taken from play. If this happens, the pawn moves diagonally forward to occupy the square from which the opposing piece was taken.

NOTE: WHEN A PLAYER MOVES A PAWN FROM ITS ORIGINAL SET-UP POSITION, IT MAY MOVED FORWARD TWO SQUARES.

THE CASTLES OR ROOKS

These two pieces move only in straight lines, either side to side, or backwards and forwards on the board. When moved, a castle can go any number of squares in a straight line until stopped by a corner or another chess piece. If the piece belongs to the opponent, it can be taken from play and the castle put on the square where the opposing piece was.

KNIGHTS OR HORSES

These two pieces move in an "L" shape. They go two squares in one direction and then one square in a perpendicular direction. If desired the move can be one square in one direction and then two squares in another, so long as the move is an "L" shape. The "L" shaped move can be made even if there are other chess pieces occupying the

squares of the "L". If there is an opposing chess piece at the square where the KNIGHT should end up, this piece can be removed from play.

BISHOPS

These two pieces move only diagonally. One moves only on white squares, the other only on black. They can move any number of squares in a diagonal direction until stopped by the edge of the board or by another chess piece. If the chess piece belongs to the opponent it can be taken from play.

THE QUEEN

This is the most powerful piece on the board. It can move any number of squares in any direction until stopped by the edge of the board or by another chess piece. If the chess piece belongs to an opponent, it can be taken from play.

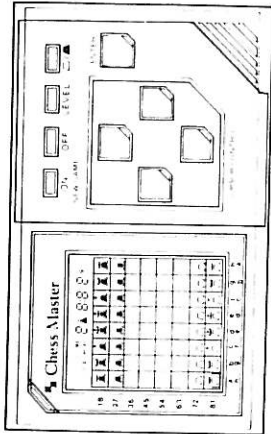
THE KING

This piece can move in any direction, but only one square at a time. It must be protected at all costs because if it is lost, the game is lost. If the king is in check, a '+' will appear on the top of the chessboard.

MAKING YOUR MOVE

The pieces can be moved in any order, except for the first move. Here, simply because most pieces are completely blocked in, only two types of pieces can move, Pawns or knights.

Strategy: It is generally conceded among experts that the player who controls the center of the board will win the game. For the player with white pieces, this strategy should be achieved by attack, since you have the first move and your opponent must always react to your moves. For the player with the black pieces, defense is the name of the game.



GET READY!

Push the "ON" button. The pieces should appear on the chessboard, ready to go. If not, check your batteries.

GET SET!

- 1) Select the level of play by pushing the LEVEL button until the desired level (L1, L2 or MA), appears on-screen.

- 2) Once you have selected the desired level of play, push the ENTER button. Now you're all set.

GO!

You have the white pieces. This is a definite advantage because you get to make the first move and to keep attacking throughout the game.

If you wish to let the computer have the first move, push the \square/\blacktriangle button.

HOW TO MOVE

- 1) Push the CURSOR buttons until the CURSOR on-screen is positioned under the piece you want to move.
- 2) Push the ENTER button.
- 3) Move the CURSOR to the position you wish to move to.
- 4) Push the ENTER button.

That's all there is to it. If this is a illegal move, cursor will appear at the initial position and a 'XXX' symbol appears. In this case you must select another position to which you want to move and push the ENTER button.

GAME OVER

The game is over when a "CHECKMATE" is achieved. This happens when one KING cannot move in any direction without being taken from play.

OFF

If you want to turn off the CHESS MASTER after game over, the ON/NEW GAME button should be pressed before press the OFF. In order to lengthen the life of battery, the CHESS MASTER should be turned OFF when not in use.

NOTE:

- The CHESS MASTER will support EN PASSANT.
- This CHESS MASTER will support SHORT or LONG CASTLING.
To CASTLE, position cursor to KING, enter and move to KING'S new position. The CASTLE will automatically take its new position beside the KING.
- CHESS MASTER continues the game until one of the kings is actually captured rather than ending when there is a checkmate or stalemate.
- CHESS MASTER allows your king to move into check (but will quickly claim a victory if you make such a move).
- CHESS MASTER automatically promotes a pawn to a queen when it reaches the eighth rank rather than giving you a choice of pieces.

"Please Note: Programming limitations cause the CHESS MASTER to play by rules somewhat different from those in the official U.S. Chess Federation booklet included with this game.

Your CHESS MASTER will provide you hours of practice and enjoyment. Please bear in mind these differences in the rules."

CAUTION

- Avoid extreme temperatures such as freezing or direct sunlight.
- Do not subject unit to heavy shock.
- Do not use thinner to clean screen.
- Do not press heavily on display screen.

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