

Black Jack Pro



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Program Installation

Electronically distributed version

Once you have downloaded the game, store it on your PC's hard drive and simply double-click "Black Jack 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 "Black Jack 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 "Black Jack 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.

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 "Black Jack Pro." Simply tap the icon with your stylus to start the game.

System Requirements

Pocket PC

"Black Jack 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 1.8 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

"Black Jack Pro" requires a PC running Windows 95/98/ME/200 or XP. In order to install the game you will need 2.5 MB of free storage space on your PC's hard drive.

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Welcome to Black Jack Pro

Over the years, Black Jack has turned in to the most popular casino table game and the reason for that is quite simple. Among all casino table games, Black Jack has the best odds and can actually be beaten! Of course it takes a little practice to do so, but it is not impossible and with putting some of that effort into your play you can expect to walk away from the tables winning money every time you play! “Black Jack Pro” will help you become a better player, teach you strategies and improve your overall winning expectations. Read this manual carefully to learn what the Pro’s already know and use to make money in the game every day!

Who do you want to be?

When you start up “Black Jack Pro” the program will take you to a selection screen that allows you to access your players. If it 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 “Black Jack 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 will no longer appear.

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Credits

This button will take you to a screen with information about the people who brought you “Black Jack 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 “Black Jack 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.

Table

“Black Jack Pro” allows you to select from various tables with different minimum bets, like it is the case in a real casino. A \$5 table has a minimum bet of \$5, which means you have to make at least a \$5 bet in order to be allowed to play the game. Each table also has a limit, which means your bets cannot exceed that amount of money. Here is a list with the table limits for each of the tables for your reference.

\$5 minimum bet	-	\$1,000 table limit
\$10 minimum bet	-	\$1,500 table limit
\$25 minimum bet	-	\$2,500 table limit
\$50 minimum bet	-	\$5,000 table limit
\$100 minimum bet	-	\$10,000 table limit

Number of Decks in Shoe

Black Jack can be played in various variation with various number of cards. A deck consists of 52 cards and you can select whether you wish to play a game using 1, 2, 4, or 6 decks. The most common variant in casinos is either the single-deck game or games using 6 decks, but all other variations can also be found in select casinos. You will not be able to change the number of decks in the demo version.



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Rules

Depending on where you are playing Black Jack the rules vary slightly. We have incorporated the rule sets for the four American main areas of casino gambling so that you can match your playing style as closely to the rules of your favorite casino as possible. Here is a listing of the rules as they are implemented. Keep in mind however that the house rules change from casino to casino even within these metropolises, so ask your dealer when in doubt and use these general rule sets to practice. You will not be able to change the rules in the demo version.

Las Vegas Strip

- Dealer draws on all totals of 16 or less and stand on all totals of 17 to 21
- Players are offered Insurance
- Player may double down on any initial two card combination
- Identical pairs may be split, resplit up to three times, and drawn to as desired with the exception of Aces, on which the player is allowed to hit only once on each Ace
- Player may double down on any split-hand

Las Vegas Downtown

- Dealer must draw on all totals of 16 or less, as well as soft 17
- Players are offered Insurance
- Player may double down on any initial two card combination
- Identical pairs may be split, resplit up to three times, and drawn to as desired with the exception of Aces, on which the player is allowed to hit only once on each Ace
- Player may not double down on split hands

Reno

- Dealer must draw on all totals of 16 or less, as well as soft 17
- Players are offered Insurance
- Player may double down only on initial two card totals of 10 and 11
- Identical pairs may be split, resplit and drawn to as desired with the exception of Aces, on which the player is allowed to hit only once on each Ace.
- Player may double down on any split-hand

Atlantic City

- Dealer must draw on all totals of 16 or less and stand on all totals of 17 to 21
- Players are offered Insurance
- Player may double down on any initial two card combination
- Identical pairs may be split but not resplit
- Player may double down on any split-hand

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.

Counting

With this switch you can select whether you wish the game to keep track of the information to assist you in card counting. Select "Off" if you do not wish to see this information. Select "Level 1" for information on the Level 1 Strategy outlined in the chapter **Counting Level 1** or select "Level 2" for information on the more accurate Level 2 Strategy outlined in the chapter Counting Level 2.

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If Counting is enabled, you will see a small rotating card in the right hand corner of the game screen, every time the program asks you to place your bet. If you click on the rotating card, information about the current card counting status of the game will be displayed for your information, complete with a suggestion as to how much money you should bet to maximize your winnings. Card counting is permanently disabled in the demo version.

Dealer

With this three-way toggle you can decide how quickly you want the dealer to deal out cards. While you are practicing card counting, you may want to select “Slow” to allow yourself more time to analyze the cards that are dealt. 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 in this manual. After you have made a decision whether you want to Hit, Stand, Double Down or Split, 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. The tutor is permanently disabled in the demo version.

Interface

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

Display Score

This switch allows you to turn the score display on and off. The score display displays the totals of both the dealer’s and the player’s hands for your information.

Help

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

Reset

The “Reset” button allows you to reset all of the player’s options to their default settings.

Exit

This button will take you back to the game.

The List Screen

“Black Jack 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 card counting, and others to simply have fun with.

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. 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, which features 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.



Tokens and Bet areas

In order to place a bet you will simply have to click on the respective chip tokens on the screen. Click on the \$5 chip to increase your bet by \$5, or click on any other chip to increase your bet by its nominal amount. If you want 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 that matches or exceeds the table minimum, 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 begin.



The dealer will now deal out the cards to you and himself. After that it is time for you to make your choice. Please click on the buttons names "Hit," "Stand," "Double" and "Split" to tell the game which steps you wish to take next in the game.

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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