**Video Blackjack Help Contents**
Video Blackjack is a card game that combines skill and luck.

The object of the game is to   have cards whose numerical values total 21, or as close to 21 as possible without exceeding 21.

If a player's first two cards count exactly 21--that is, if they are a face card or ten and an ace--he has a black jack and wins immediately, unless the dealer also has a black jack.

When the player has a black jack, the dealer pays that player 1.5 times the amount of the player's bet.

To learn how to use Help, press F1.

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**Playing the Game**

When the cards have been dealt, the player has the right to draw (see <u>hitting</u>) additional cards one at a time, until he has either gone over 21 or <u>stands</u>.   If he stands, the dealer then attempts to beat the player's score, again, without going over 21.

**Strategy and Hints**
The player should always <u>split</u> when dealt two Aces.

The player should always <u>double</u> when his cards total 11.   The player should also double when his cards total 10 and the dealer's up-card is 2 to 9, when his cards total 9 and the dealer's up-card is 2 to 6, or when his cards total 17 (one of which must be an Ace counted as 11) and the dealer's up-card is 2 to 6.

**Game Menu Commands**

· New Game
· High Scores...
· Reset Scores
· Remove Player
· Exit

**New Game**
A new game may be started by pressing F2.   If a game is currently active and new game is chosen, the current player will be cashed out before the new player is entered.

**High Scores...**
Display the top 10 money winners.   Your name will be added to the high score list if you exceed your highest previous score. (See also <u>reset scores</u>)

**Reset Scores**
Removes all player scores from the high score list.

**Remove Player**
Removes the history of the current player from the game system.   This is especially useful when all of a player's money has been lost.

**Exit**
The player may exit the game by pressing Alt+F4 or from within the Game menu by clicking on exit or hitting x.   Any credits are added to the player's purse and stored for later use.

**Bet! Command**
Bets are made *before* the first card is dealt and may be altered thereafter only when a player <u>splits</u> or <u>doubles down</u> for one.

**Deal! Command**
*After* the player places his <u>bet</u> the dealer gives one card face up to the player and one card face down to himself, followed by one card face up to the player and to himself.

**Split! Command**

If the player's first two cards are the same--as two sixes, or two queens--he may place the same bet on each card that he placed originally on his single hand, and play them as two different hands.

**Double! Command**
The player, with any count, may face his cards, double his bet and receive one, and *only one*, additional card.

**Hit! Command**
The player is dealt an additional card.

**Stand! Command**
The player indicates that he does not want any more cards.

**Options Menu Commands**

· Card Back...
· Chip Denomination
· Bet Maximum
· Automatic Deal
· Sound

**Card Back Command**
Different styles of card backs are available for the game.   To choose a card back select Card back from the Options menu.   Click on the style desired and click on "OK".

**Chip Denomination Command**
The checked number represents the dollar denomination of the coins.    These numbers range from $1 to $10,000.    The denomination may be changed at the start of any hand.

**Bet Maximum Command**
Implementing this option permits the player to bet the maximum number of coins with one click of the bet button.   The machine will automatically deal after bet is clicked..

**Automatic Deal Command**
This option permits the player to choose the maximum number of bets required before the system automatically deals.   This option can be disabled by choosing 0 and can not be greater than five - the maximum number of bets allowed.

**Sound Command**
Checking this option turns the sound on.

**Using the Keyboard**

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|---|---|
| New Game | F2 |
| Exit | Alt+F4 |
| Bet | Alt+B |
| Deal | Alt+D |
| Split | Alt+S |
| Double | Alt+D |
| Hit | Alt+H |
| Stand | Alt+S |

**Using the Mouse**

Click below for more information on the...



 Bet! Command



 Deal! Command



 Split! Command



 Double! Command



 Hit! Command



 Stand! Command