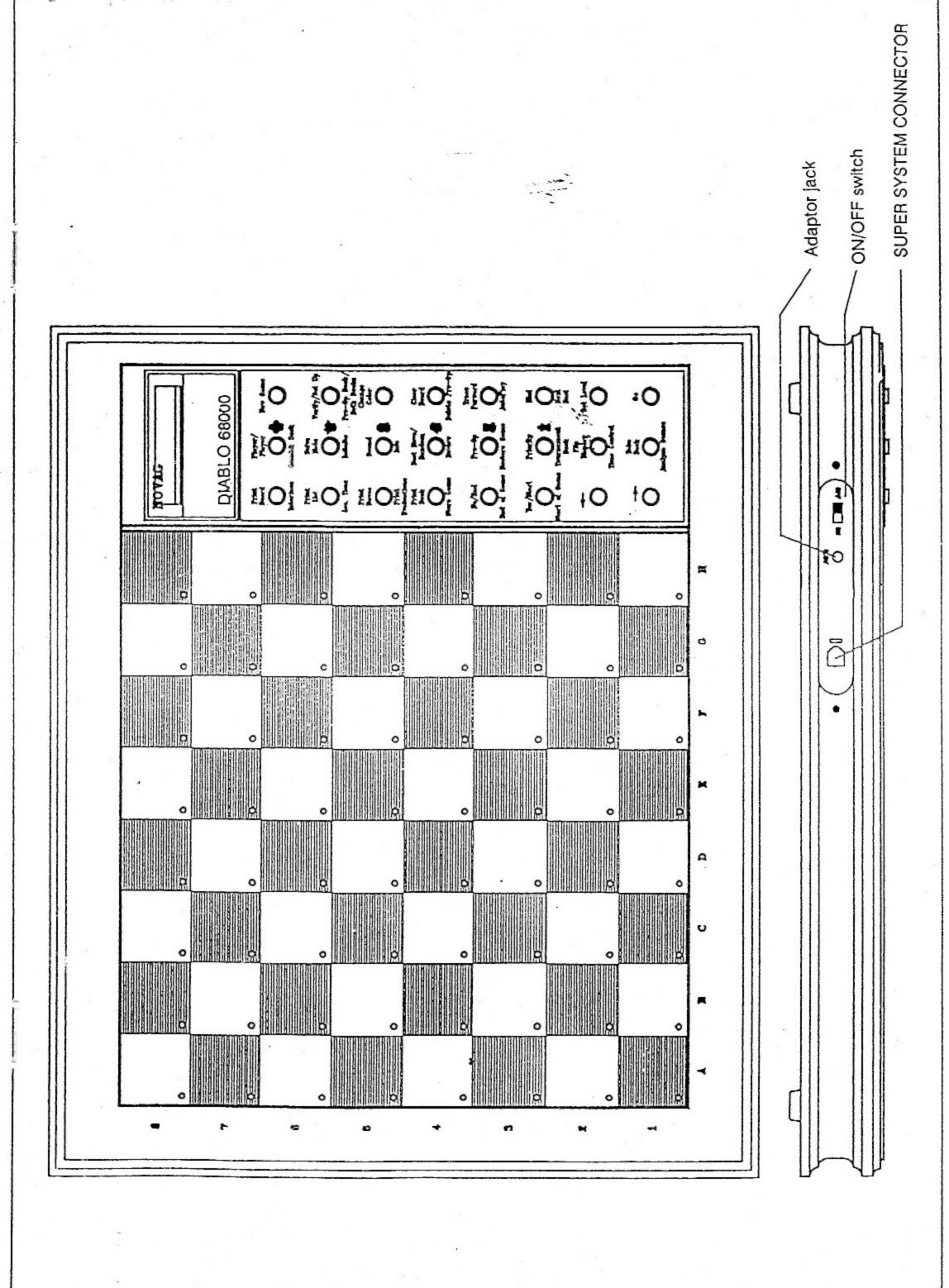
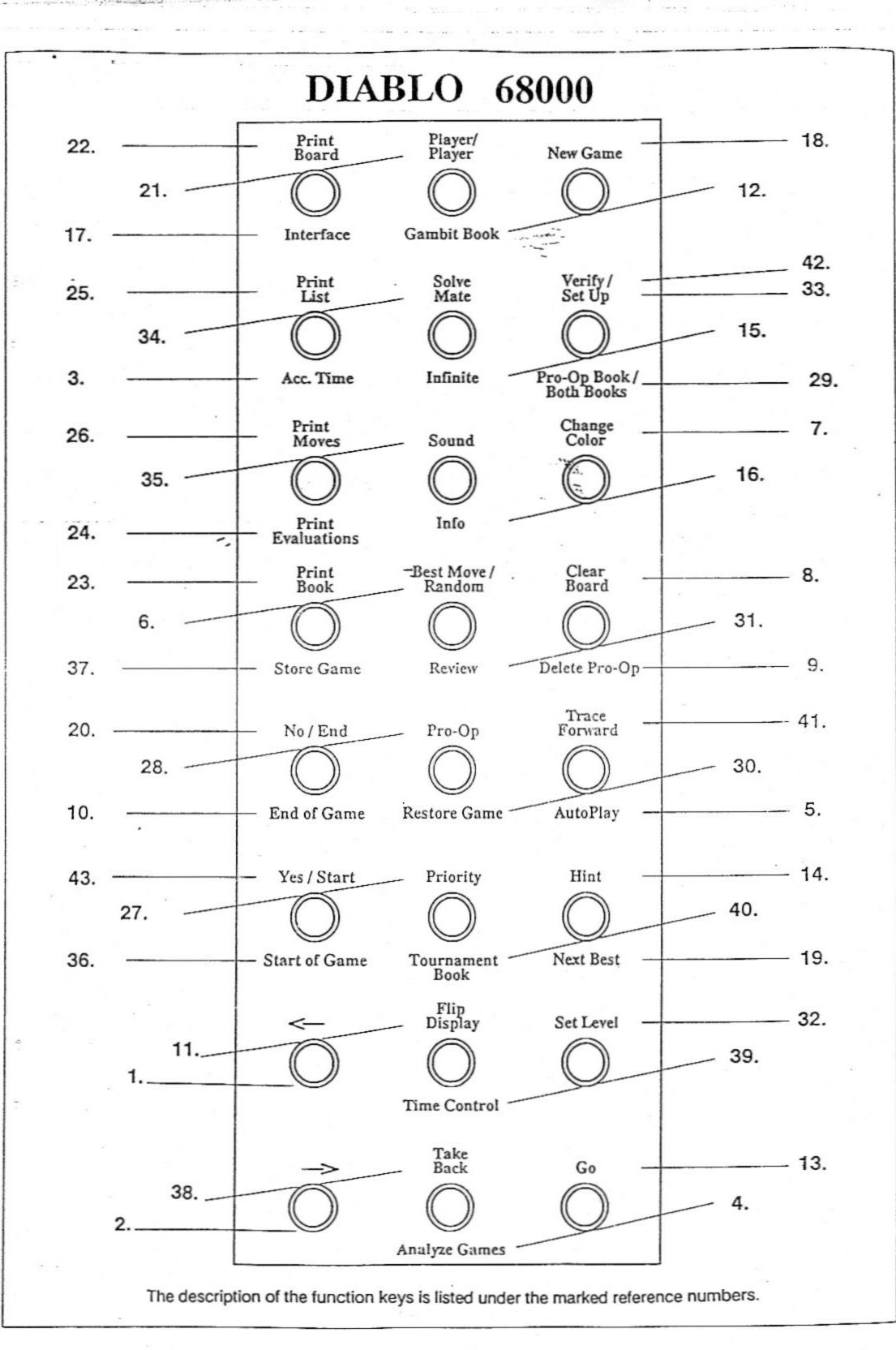
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## INTRODUCTION

The DIABLO is the newest 68000 CPU Chess Computer from NOVAG, which offers an array of new features such as: the computer is learning from its play so as not to repeat bad moves and it will also generate chess ratings for your play. The new DIABLO has incorporated Hash-Tables to significantly improve the chess computer's play, especially the end-game play.

The DIABLO is also compatible with the NOVAG SUPER SYSTEM. This will enable its full thought processes to be recorded on a PC (most types) or the game to be displayed or recorded onto a domestic TV through the NOVAG DISTRIBUTOR. Watch as your chess game gains a whole new dimension.

We recommend that you read the Instruction Manual thoroughly in order to learn how to fully operate and enjoy your DIABLO. Section II on Playing the DIABLO, will provide you with basic information on getting started and on how to play a game of chess against the DIABLO. After you are comfortable with the basic functions, you will enjoy learning to use the many special features the DIABLO offers.

#### II. PLAYING THE DIABLO

If you wish a quick game of chess without having to use all the special functions of the DIABLO, you may refer to the following instructions.

- Step 1: Insert the adaptor plug into the socket marked "8.5V" and switch ON the DIABLO. (To play with the DIABLO you need the Novag 8.5 Volt AC adaptor Art.no.8220.)
- Step 2: Press NEW GAME Key.
- Step 3: SET UP all the chess pieces on the chessboard in the starting position. Make sure that the pieces sit on the center of each square. If any of the pieces are not properly placed, you will see on the LCD display the symbol of the piece that is misplaced and the location that it should stand on. Please make the necessary corrections. When all the pieces are in their respective positions you will see the move number 1 [-1 ---- ] on the LCD and you are now ready to begin to play.
- Step 4: Press SET LEVEL Key.
- Step 5: List up the piece on the square at (White Rook) and put it down. This will set the DIABLO's playing skill to the lowest of the regular levels. If this is still too strong for you, please refer to the Section on setting levels to select a training level. If you like to know more about the SET LEVEL, press the TIME CONTROL Key, the display will show [-60 in 00:05:00] for level 1, indicating that the DIABLO has to play 60 moves within 5 minutes.
- Step 6: Press GO Key to leave the level setting mode, and the display will show again [-1 ----].

You may now begin to play the White side against the DIABLO. Play as naturally as you like, slide a piece or pick it up and put it down on the square that you wish it to go to. During the game when there are captures please remove the captured piece first. However, you may pick up the capturing piece first, just be sure to have a slight pause before replacing the captured piece with the piece in hand.

When the DIABLO is ready to move it will beep and two squares will be lit, the FROM and the TO squares. Please make this move for the DIABLO as if making a move for yourself. Remember to remove the captured piece if the DIABLO makes a capture. The move will also show on the LCD.

Note: If you wish to play the Black side, press NEW GAME then set up the pieces so that the Black pieces are in front of you and the White pieces are on the opposite side of the board. When the DIABLO is ready to start the LCD shows [-1----]. Press the CHANGE COLOR Key then the GO Key and the DIABLO will make a move for White but playing from the top of the board.

#### III. GAME FEATURES

a) Making moves

Making a move on the DIABLO is simplicity itself. You just lift the piece that you wish to move and place it on the center of the square that you wish to play it to. Of course, illegal moves are not accepted and the DIABLO will beep three (3) times and will also flash the Error message on the LCD.

When the DIABLO has made its move, the FROM and the TO squares will be lit and you must complete this move yourself.

Note: Should you wish to switch off the power during a game, please make sure to complete the computer's move, otherwise the memory for this game will be lost.

b) Computing

When the DIABLO is computing a move it will flash an " \* " on the left side of the LCD.

c) Capturing a piece

When capturing please remove the captured piece first, then move your piece to occupy that square. Do the same when making a capture for the DIABLO. You may pick up the capturing piece first, just be sure to have a slight pause before replacing the captured piece with the piece in hand.

d) Illegal moves

The DIABLO will indicate all Errors by making three (3) beeps and will flash an Error message on the LCD. For Errors that need your attention the LCD will show the piece and the square. Correct the Error as indicated. However, most Errors will not need any assistance from you.

e) Castling

According to the rules of chess you must first move the King then the Rook to complete this move. However, the DIABLO will still accept the move if you pick up both pieces at once. But you will have to put them down on their respective positions for the move to be completed.

f) En passant

If you or the DIABLO makes an En passant capture (please refer to chess literature if you do not understand this chess rule) you must remember to remove the captured pawn as indicated by the DIABLO.

g) Pawn Promotion / Underpromotion

If one of your pawns reaches the 8th rank, the DIABLO will show this message on the LCD [pro piece ?]. Press the appropriate piece symbol key to enter your choice for promotion.

THE DLABLO PROMOTES:

The LCD will show the piece that the DIABLO wishes to promote to and the square where this promotion takes place. Exchange the pawn with the promoted piece and put it onto the lit TO square.

WHEN YOU PROMOTE:

The LCD will show [pro piece ?] and you will have to press one of the four possible piece symbol keys to indicate your choice. Please exchange your pawn with the piece that you selected.

#### h) Stalemate / Draw

A draw is announced on the LCD with the appropriate message:

[stale mate]

no legal moves, but not in check, therefore draw

[draw 3rd]

position repeated 3 times

[draw 50]

50 moves made without capture

[draw - insuf]

insufficient material for either side to check mate the other

i) Check and Checkmate

Check announcements are made with the " +" sign on the right side of the move shown on the LCD. Checkmate will be indicated on the LCD with [checkmate].

j) Early Mate Announcements

The DIABLO will always announce mate if it sees it and will show the number of moves to mate on the LCD. Example: [mate in 2]

k) Resignation

The DIABLO will recognize positions where it is lost or seriously behind in material and will resign the game showing [Resign - You Win] on the LCD. You may reject this resignation and play on but please NOTE that the DIABLO will only resign once per game. When you are about to checkmate the DIABLO, it will not resign and spoil your moment of glory.

#### IV. SPECIAL FUNKTIONS

There are 24 Keys on the Control Panel. Most keys control two or more functions. The label above the key is the normal key function. The label below the key is the function after pressing SET LEVEL. The functions are listed below alphabetically.

1. \* ← \* Key

Pressing this " ← " Arrow Key allows you to search backwards until the beginning of the game.

\* → \* Key

Pressing this "→" Arrow Key allows you to search forward until the end of the game.

Both "←" "→ " Arrow Keys only affect the LCD display and not the actual game. They can be used even while the DIABLO is thinking. These functions will be interrupted immediately after the computer has prepared its move. To exit both modes whilst the computer is not thinking either make your move or use any of the other permitted keys. To exit whilst the computer is thinking and prior to its announcing a move, press any permitted key.

ACC.TIME - ACCUMULATED TIME Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → ACC. TIME [Autoclock off] → ACC. TIME [Autoclock on] → GO

When your DIABLO is hooked up to a PC or TV via the NOVAG DISTRIBUTOR (for more details, please refer to the instruction manual of the Distributor), press the ACC. TIME Key twice so the LCD shows [Autoclock on]. With Autoclock on, the time on the DIABLO's clocks will be sent to the PC or TV after each black move has been played.

ANALYZE GAMES Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL [set skill level] → ANALYZE GAMES [Analyze white?] → NO or YES [Analyze black?] → NO or YES [Analyze both?] → NO or YES → GO

The ANALYZE GAMES function is a versatile learning tool. Your DIABLO chess computer will analyze each move for white/black, or both sides of a game. The analysis is most useful when sent to a personal computer through the NOVAG DISTRIBUTOR.

If you wish to analyze a game which has not already been played on your DIABLO, use the PLAYER / PLAYER mode to enter the game on the chess computer.

To send the analysis through the Distributor to the PC press:

- a) PRINT MOVES → SET LEVEL [decide how deeply you wish the DIABLO to analyze your game and set the
  appropriate level] → INTERFACE [set to "Human"] → GO
- b) Press then: SET LEVEL → PRINT MOVES [Set to send info 2, 3 OR 4] → GO
- c) Now press: SET LEVEL → ANALYZE GAMES and the LCD will show [Analyze White?]. If you wish to have the DIABLO analyze only the White moves, press YES Key. Otherwise press NO Key. Now the LCD will show [Analyze black?]. Press YES or NO. If NO has been pressed the LCD will show [Analyze both?]. Press YES to have the DIABLO analyze both the White and Black's play.

'AUTOPLAY Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → AUTOPLAY → (AUTOPLAY) → (AUTOPLAY) → GO

Options: There are three (3) options with the AUTOPLAY Key. Press SET LEVEL then AUTOPLAY. The

LCD will show the current option:

[ autoplay off ] [ autoplay on ]

[demo on] - DEMO ON will cause a new game to start after a short pause.

The AUTOPLAY mode will make the DIABLO play against itself at the level that you have selected until the game is decided by a mate or draw. The moves will be indicated on the board by the flashing of the FROM and the TO squares being repeated three times for your convenience, so that you may be able to follow the game in progress. Press the FLIP DISPLAY Key when in AUTOPLAY mode to recall more information as to the calculation of the computer (see FLIP DISPLAY), which gives you many possibilities to analyze the game. You may terminate AUTOPLAY at any time by pressing the GO Key or you may press the SET LEVEL Key and use the AUTOPLAY Key to turn AUTOPLAY or DEMO OFF. This will let the computer finish its current search. To change the number of times each square is flashing, refer to INTERFACE mode.

Note: You may set different levels of skill for each side before you start the AUTOPLAY mode.

BEST MOVE / RANDOM Key

Key Sequence: BEST MOVE / RANDOM [Random on] → BEST MOVE / RANDOM → [Random off]

Selecting RANDOM mode will force the DIABLO to randomly choose between two (2) or more moves which are almost equal in their evaluation. Games of great variety may be played using this mode. [Random on ] means the most variety but a slightly weaker play.

Note: When you switch your DIABLO on, BEST MOVE or [Random off] is automatically selected. The computer will always choose the move with the best evaluation. BEST MOVE / RANDOM can only be selected once the game is out of book.

CHANGE COLOR Key
 This key has four (4) functions:

- a) When in VERIFY or SET UP mode this key changes the color for the entry or verification of the board position.
- b) Press the CHANGE COLOR Key after pressing NEW GAME Key at the start of a new game to reverse the board with White playing down the board. Remember to set up the White pieces on the top of the board and the Black pieces in front of you.
- c) When the key is pressed at any time during a game (except when the DIABLO is computing) you will be asked to confirm if you wish to change sides [Change color?]. You will have to press the YES Key to confirm that you wish to do so, otherwise press the NO Key to continue your game.

Note: This will erase all the moves in the game history if you accept the color change.

- d) When in SET LEVEL mode this key will allow the setting of separate levels for White and Black.
- 8. CLEAR BOARD Key

This key has four (4) functions:

- a) When in SET UP mode the CLEAR BOARD Key will clear the entire board.
- b) When in SET LEVEL mode, pressing CLEAR BOARD Key will prompt you to delete your special opening line or entire PRO-OP book.
- c) When adjusting the time controls in SET LEVEL mode, pressing CLEAR BOARD Key will accept the displayed time or move count.
- d) When the CLEAR BOARD Key is pressed at all other times it will act as a clear entry key.

## DELETE PRO-OP Key See PRO-OP Key.

10. END OF GAME Key

SET LEVEL → END OF GAME → YES / NO Key Sequence:

The END OF GAME function is mainly used for analysis purposes and allows you to go to the end of the game in memory. If for example, you have used the START OF GAME Key to look at moves at the beginning of the game, you may then want to use the END of GAME Key to move you forward again to the end of the game.

FLIP DISPLAY Key

Key sequence for fixed window on one information display:

FLIP DISPLAY → FLIP DISPLAY → (continue pressing until desired display appears)

The information display allows you to observe how the DIABLO computes its moves with the evaluation changing as it goes deeper into a position. The automatic information display will show various informations for a short while before cycling to the next display until the best move has been found. When it is your turn to move, the display will show the total time for both sides.

To fix a certain display so that it will always show on the LCD press the FLIP DISPLAY Key until the information you are looking for is displayed. The DIABLO will then use this at all times until you select another display or press the NEW GAME Key or CLEAR BOARD Key.

Order of display for the Info mode:

a) Display of total time used for both sides.

(\* 0:01:19\_0:02:40) - this shows first time for White then for Black. Example:

b) Display of accumulated time for side to move and time used for all moves so far.

(\* 0:03:11-02:24) - this shows time for Black. Example:

c) Display of best move and evaluation.

Example:

(\* c7c8-00.55) - evaluation of 00.55 means an advantage of 0.55 pawns. A disadvantage will

be indicated by a " - " sign.

If still in opening book the display will show [open]. Note:

d) Display of Depth reached in half moves and iteration count.

Example:

(\* d06 15-35) - this shows that the computer has searched this position to a depth of 6 half moves and there are still 15 legal moves to search out of a total of 34 legal moves in the position.

e) Display of number of nodes or positions searched.

(\* 0000306925 n) - this shows the number of positions already searched. Example:

Display of current move number.

(\* 14 ----) - move 14 is to be played. Example:

GAMBIT BOOK Key

SET LEVEL → GAMBIT BOOK [gambit on] → GAMBIT BOOK [gambit off] → GO Key Sequence:

The Gambit Book feature narrows down the choice that the DIABLO has in deciding which opening to play. This will force the DIABLO to select a gambit associated with most openings that you wish to play against it. However, if no gambits exist for your selected opening line, then it will use the normal opening book.

GO Key

The GO Key is used in conjuction with many of the DIABLO's special functions and normally acts as an Exit Key. Please note that in many cases when Error appears, the GO Key has not been used to exit the last function used.

#### MAIN USES:

- a) To make the DIABLO compute for the color to move. (The computer should not be computing).
- b) To exit from the VERIFY/SET UP/SET LEVEL mode.
- c) To start the SOLVE MATE search.
- d) To start the AUTOPLAY mode
- e) To terminate a search in progress by the DIABLO (whilst it is computing) and call-off a move it currently considers the best. Please note that the evaluation of these moves does not correspond with the evaluation of the Set-Up level.

#### 14. HINT Key

The DIABLO can suggest moves, if you are not sure how to continue your game, which is a great tutoring feature. When pressing the HINT Key you may recall the following information.

#### ON YOUR MOVE:

The DIABLO will show up to 8 half moves ahead of the best variation that it has computed for the move previously. This will usually be quite a good variation and you may use this as your guide. The LEDs will show the FROM and TO squares of the first move of the variation.

#### WHILE COMPUTING:

The DIABLO will always display the best variation that it has found so far and this will sometimes change when a better variation is found. (A maximum of 8 half moves can be displayed.) Press HINT Key until the entire variation is displayed.

Sometimes the DIABLO will show fewer half moves than the iteration number would indicate. There is nothing wrong with your DIABLO. Sometimes the Hash-Table will cause a short best variation. Also, when the DIABLO has found a move which scores better than expected it may only show a one half-move variation. Finally if a draw or check mate is found the best variation displayed may be shorter than the iteration number.

The LEDs will show the FROM and TO squares on the chess board.

#### INFINITE Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → INFINITE [infinite on] → INFINITE [infinite off] → GO

The INFINITE LEVEL is for analysis only and the DIABLO will compute continuously without stopping to play a move unless the conditions below are met:

- a) A mating combination is found. The DIABLO will play this move and announce mate on the LCD.
- b) There is only one move possible in the position.
- c) The capacity to analyse moves is full and the chess computer cannot continue to calculate. (This happens usually after the maximum depth of 28 ply is used).

## 16. INFO (INFORMATION) Key

Key Sequence: To see information during search → SET LEVEL → INFO [info on] → INFO [info off] → GO

If the INFO mode is selected, you will be able to observe how the DIABLO computes a move with the evaluation changing as it goes deeper into a position. The LCD will display various informations, retaining each for a short while before going to the next display and cycling continuously.

Order of Display for INFO mode:

- a) Total time used for both sides (\* 0:01:29 0:00:03)
- b) Accumulated time for side to move and time used for this move so far (\* 0:01:39\_01:39).
- c) Best move and evaluation (\* e4d5 00.02).
- d) Depth and variations remaining to search and total variations (\* d08 42 43).

17. INTERFACE Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → INTERFACE → [YES/NO] → ["←" or "→"] → GO

There are two Interface attributes selected by using the INTERFACE Key as well as three additional functions. Use the " ←" or " → " Arrow Keys to scroll through the different functions. Use the NO Key to change the displayed status. Use the GO Key to exit this mode and the CLEAR Key to go back to SET LEVEL mode.

Example to cycle through the INTERFACE mode:

Press SET LEVEL → INTERFACE [Video] → "←" [Training on] → "←" [Move flash 3] → "←" [Learn on] → "←" [9600 baud] → "←" [cycle will start again with Video]

#### A. ATTRIBUTES

#### HUMAN/VIDEO

The HUMAN mode is best to use when the DIABLO is hooked up to a Personal Computer (PC) through the seperately available NOVAG SUPER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTOR. The VIDEO mode is used when the DIABLO is hooked up to the TV Interface (available from your NOVAG dealer). This allows the current game and position to be seen on any standard TV.

#### 2. 9600/1200 BAUD

This Interface attribute determines the transmission rate of the interface connection to the SUPER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTOR.

Note: Detailed instruction manuals will be supplied with the NOVAG SUPER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTOR and the NOVAG TV-INTERFACE.

#### B. FUNCTIONS

#### LEARN ON/OFF

This function controls when the LEARNING is ON or OFF. When LEARNING is ON, the DIABLO will remember positions from games in which its score has suddenly dropped. In future games, the DIABLO will try and avoid the same mistake.

2. MOVE FLASH (LEDs will flash 1, 3, 5 or 7 times)

The MOVE FLASH function controls how many times the FROM and TO squares are flashing when in AUTOPLAY and DEMO or when moves are sent to the DIABLO from the SUPER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTOR.

#### 3. TRAINING ON/OFF

This function is to help the novice player. With TRAINING ON, the following actions will occur.

- When it is your turn to move, each piece with a legal move will have its LED turned on.
- When you pick a piece up to move, it will turn on the LEDs for each legal square it can be moved to.

#### NEW GAME Key

The NEW GAME Key will reset the board to the starting position. The DIABLO will immediately verify the board, indicating on the LCD where the pieces should be standing and where there should not be any pieces standing. However, you do not need to follow the sequence indicated but may freely place all the pieces on their respective squares until the LCD shows [-1 ---- ]. All the pieces are now in their starting position and you are ready to play.

#### 19. NEXT BEST Kev

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → NEXT BEST → (take back move as indicated)

This feature enables you to check if another good move is possible to play instead of the one just played. After you have taken back the last move indicated, the DIABLO will immediately begin computing the next best move that is available in the position. If such a move is found, it will be played.

To activate this function press SET LEVEL Key then NEXT BEST Key to have the DIABLO generate the move the computer considers to be second best in the position. The LCD and the LEDs on the chess board will indicate which move has to be taken back. When you have taken back the move, the DIABLO will begin calculating the best alternative move. If in SOLVE MATE, this key will find if a 'cook' exists to a mate solution.

20. NO/END Key

If you are <u>not</u> in the Level mode, this key will send the displayed move to the end of the game. If you are in the Level mode this key will send the board position to the end of the game after prompting. Using this key during a game does not affect the board.

PLAYER / PLAYER Key

Key sequence: PLAYER / PLAYER [referee on] → PLAYER / PLAYER [referee off]

When this mode is entered the display shows [referee on] and you will hear two (2) beeps and a chess game between two parties could then be played. The DIABLO will take no part in the game (= referee function) unless instructed to by pressing the GO Key. All moves are checked for legality and the DIABLO may be called upon to compute for the side to move by pressing the GO Key. The PLAYER / PLAYER mode may be selected at any time during a game except while the DIABLO is computing.

All games played could be stored into one of the 64 game slots (see STORE GAME) or could be entered for processing to a personal computer (see INTERFACE).

22. PRINT BOARD Key

When your DIABLO is hooked up to a PC or TV via the NOVAG SUPER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTOR, pressing the PRINT BOARD Key will send the board position to the TV or the PC.

23. PRINT BOOK Key

Key Sequence: NEW GAME → PRINT BOOK

The PRINT BOOK function enables you to see what your PRO-OP Book contains. To PRINT BOOK, press NEW GAME before PRINT BOOK. This is due to the fact that PRINT BOOK will overwrite the game in memory.

The PRINT BOOK function will send out the entire PRO-OP book (see also PRO-OP) to the PC through the NOVAG DISTRIBUTOR.

24. PRINT EVALUATIONS Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → PRINT EVALUATIONS → PRINT EVALUATIONS → PRINT EVALUATIONS → FRINT EVALUATIONS → GO

When your DIABLO is hooked up to a PC or TV, pressing the SET LEVEL Key then PRINT EVALUATIONS Key allows you to select the desired level of information you wish the DIABLO to report about the search. You have the following four (4) choices:

[ Send Info 1 ] No search information.

[Send Info 2] Score, time for move, move and list.

[Send Info 3] The following list of information is displayed only after the DIABLO has shown its move:

Depth, score, time for move, ply one moves remaining to search, total ply one moves, nodes, nodes searched per second, move played and principal variation.

[Send Info 4] The same list of information as for [Send Info 3] will be displayed while the computer is calculating.

Note: Please set the computer to HUMAN mode to be able to select the desired level of information.

PRINT LIST Key

When your DIABLO is hooked up to a PC or TV, pressing PRINT LIST will send the current game list to the TV or PC.

26. PRINT MOVES Key

When your DIABLO is hooked up to a PC or TV, pressing PRINT MOVES twice, so the LCD shows [Print moves on], will cause each move to be sent to the PC or TV as soon as the move is played.

27. PRIORITY Key

See PRO-OP.

28. PRO - OP ( PROGRAMMABLE OPENING BOOK) Key SETTING UP YOUR PRO - OP BOOK

A) ENTERING AN OPENING

Key Sequence: NEW GAME → PLAYER/PLAYER → PLAYER / PLAYER → ( enter moves ) → PRO-OP → YES

To enter your opening into the PRO-OP Book, set up the pieces and press the NEW GAME Key then press the PLAYER / PLAYER Key twice to turn on REFEREE. Now play the moves out you want saved (up to 30 moves deep). Press the PRO-OP Key and you will see [Save opening?] on the LCD. Press YES to save the moves. The PRO-OP Book can store about 1000 half moves.

B) DELETE A LINE

Key Sequence: NEW GAME → PLAYER/PLAYER → PLAYER/PLAYER (enter moves) → SET LEVEL → DELETE PRO-OP → YES

To delete an opening line, set up the pieces and press NEW GAME Key then press PLAYER / PLAYER Key twice to turn on REFEREE. Now play the moves of the opening you want to delete. Press SET LEVEL and DELETE PRO-OP. The LCD will show [Delete opening?]. Press YES to delete all lines which include the entire line you have just played on the board. For example, if you only make the move "e2-e4" then "Delete Opening", all lines beginning with the move "e2 - e4" in your Pro-op book will be deleted.

C) DELETE ENTIRE PRO-OP BOOK

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → DELETE PRO-OP → NO → YES

To delete the entire PRO-OP Book, press SET LEVEL and DELETE PRO-OP. Answer NO to the [Delete Line?] message on the LCD and YES to the message [Clear Pro-op?].

Note: This will completely erase your current PRO-OP book.

D) PRIORITY KEY

Key Sequence: NEW GAME → PLAYER/PLAYER → PLAYER/PLAYER → (enter moves) →

PRIORITY → YES

As you enter opening lines, new lines are placed after earlier lines. You may play out a line on the chess board, then press the PRIORITY Key and answer YES to the LCD prompt [First Priority?] to move all the opening lines in your PRO-OP book containing the entered moves to the front of the PRO-OP book.

Example: If you only make the move "e2 - e4", then press PRIORITY → YES, all of your "e2 - e4" openings will go to the start of the PRO-OP Book.

## 29. PRO-OP BOOK - BOTH BOOK Key

SELECTING BOOK:

After you have entered some openings into your PRO-OP book, you can use the PRO-OP BOOK/BOTH BOOKS Key to select which book you want the DIABLO to use against you. You have the following five options which are selected by pressing SET LEVEL, then PRO-OP BOOK/BOTH BOOKS. Continue to press the PRO-OP BOOK/BOTH BOOKS Key until the LCD display has cycled to the choice you want.

[Normal book] This means only the built in book will be used.

[Normal first] Both the built in book and your PRO-OP book will be used, with the built in book searched

first.

[Pro-op first] Both the built in book and your PRO-OP book will be used, with your PRO-OP book

searched first. This selection provides an excellent way to "steer" the opening down the

lines you wish to practice.

[ Pro-op book ] Only your PRO-OP book will be searched.

[Book off] No opening book will be consulted by the DIABLO. You will find the DIABLO still plays

a very respectable opening even with no book.

RESTORE GAME Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → RESTORE GAME → YES → (Select game slot) → YES

To restore any game previously stored refer to STORE GAME. Press now SET LEVEL, then RESTORE GAME Key. The LCD will show [restore game?]. Press YES and the LCD will show [enter sq --]. The LEDS on the chess board will light up to indicate which squares have saved games associated with them. Set down (or lift) a piece to select a slot associated with a stored game.

For example, to restore a game saved at slot "B1", press RESTORE GAME and YES and then place (or lift) a piece on square "B1". The LCD will now show [Restore b1?]. Press YES to restore game into the current game memory.

Note: Restored games are always at the starting position. Press SET LEVEL, END of GAME, then YES to go to final position. Use VERIFY to see where to place all of the pieces.

REVIEW (RATE YOUR PLAYS) Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → REVIEW (Rating is 1400 to start) → REVIEW [Rating on] → REVIEW [0+0-0=] → GO

The DIABLO has the ability to generate a rough rating which reflects your chess playing strength. A rating above 2200 would be considered Master strength. Do not be discouraged if your rating climbs slowly. It requires good play to get a high rating.

Press SET LEVEL then press REVIEW to see your current rating. Press REVIEW again to see your cumulative results against the DIABLO.

Example: [6 + 2-5 = ] means you have won 6 games, lost 2 and drawn 5 games. Press REVIEW again to see the current RATING status. Press NO to change the current status [Rating off] or [Rating on ] in order to have your games rated. Press REVIEW again, and you will see [New Rating?] on the LCD. Press YES if you want your rating to be reset to 1400 and the cumulative totals cleared.

Note: Your game does not have to be played until check mate or draw to be rated. The DIABLO rates a game when the NEW GAME Key is pressed:

- a) If the DIABLO's last score was greater then plus 3 pawns, then the game is scored as your loss.
- b) If the DIABLO is down 3 pawns or more, the game is scored as your win. .
- c) If the score is between plus or minus 1 1/4 pawns the game is scored as a draw.
- d) Any other score is considered unclear and not scored.
- e) If you use SET UP, TAKE BACK, CHANGE COLOR or the GO Key during a rated game, the game will not be rated.

## SET LEVEL Key

A. Playing Levels

The DIABLO has 64 selectable levels and 1 Analysis Level (INFINITE) which needs quite a long time for calculating. All levels are divided into groups to suit every type of player. You may enter different playing levels for WHITE and BLACK.

				LEVEL	CHART				
Level	Square	Time Moves	Control Time	Average Time / Move	Lavel	Square	Moves	Time / Move	Half Move
1	a1	60	5 min	5.00.000	33	e1	fix time	1 hr.	
2	a2	40	5 min	5.00 sec 7.50 sec	34	e2	fix time	2 hr.	
3	a3	60	30 min	1		e3			
4	a4	30	30 min	30.00 sec	35		fix time fix time	3 hr.	
5	a5	30	60 min	60.00 sec 2.00 min	36 37	e4 e5	fix time	4 hr.	
6	a6	40	90 min	2.25 min	38	e6	fix time	5 hr. 6 hr.	
7	a7	40	120 min	3.00 min	39	e7	fix time	8 hr.	
8	a8	40	150 min	3.75 min	40	e8	fix time	9 hr.	
9	b1	60	3 min	3.00 sec	41	f1	novice 1	9111.	404
10	b2	40	10 min	15.00 sec	42	f2	novice 2		1-0 *)
11	b3	40	30 min	45.00 sec	43	f3	novice 3		1-1 *)
12	b4	40	60 min		44	f4	novice 3		1-2 *)
13	b5	40	100 min	90.00 sec		f5			1-3 *)
14	b6	45	150 min	2.50 min	45	52272	novice 5		1-4 *)
15	b7	40	9 hr.	3.30 min	46	, f6			1
16	b8	20	9 hr.	18.00 min	47	f7	20		2
17	c1	game in	3 min	36.00 min	48	f8	- T		3
18	c2	game in	5 min		49	g1			4
19	с3	game in	10 min		50	g2			5
20	C4	game in	15 min		51 52	g3			6
21	c5	game in	30 min	70 70	53	g4		41.5	7
22	c6	game In	60 min	2	54	g5 .		'\	8
23	c7	game in	90 min		55	g6 g7 ./	. 32		9
24	c8	game in	120 min		56	97 .			10
25	d1	fix time			57	g8 h1			11
26	d2		2 sec		II .	h2		, i	12
27	d3	fix time	5 sec		58				13
28	d4	fix time	10 sec		59	h3			14
29	d5	fix time	15 sec	(2)	60	h4 h5			15
30	d6	fix time	30 sec		61				16
31	d7	fix time	1 min		62	h6			17
32	d8	fix time	2 min		63	h7			18
52	uo	fix time	3 min		64	h8			19
							10 70		
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16 Tournament Levels (Level 1 - 16): The Tournament Levels will keep strictly to the time control and will not exceed the time allowed.

8 Sudden Death Levels (Level 17 - 24): The clocks will count down and whichever side that does not complete

the game within the time allowed is considered lost. The loss will be

indicated on the LCD [ overstep ].

16 Fixed Time Levels (Level 25 - 40): The DIABLO will use only the amount of time ind

The DIABLO will use only the amount of time indicated and no more for each move. This provides a means of limiting the DIABLO's play

to suit a wide range of opponent's abilities.

5 Novice Levels (Level 41 - 45): The DIABLO will restrict its search so that it will deliberately play

weaker to accommodate the beginner.

. 19 Fixed Depth Levels (Level 46 - 64): For really deep analysis the DIABLO will search the number of plies

as selected by you up to 19 half moves deep.

1 Infinite Level (Level 65): This level will force the DIABLO to compute on and on until a mate

is found or if there is only one move in the position or if you press GO

to terminate the search.

Note: Level 1 - 40 are re-programmable. You may select any time control that you wish to play with and may select different controls for WHITE and BLACK.

#### B. Selecting a Level

There are two ways to select a level:

Key sequence: SET LEVEL → SET LEVEL → SET LEVEL (and so on until desired level is set) → GO

1. By pressing the SET LEVEL Key as many times as necessary until the LCD shows the desired level.

2. By either putting a piece onto the square which corresponds to the level that you wish to set (LCD will show the level number) or by lifting the piece which is already standing on that square and putting it down again. You may change the playing Level before or during a game, however the computer should not be calculating.

NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR THE SELECTION OF PLAYING LEVEL ON THE CHESSBOARD

		_		254				
1	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57
2	2 .	10	18	26	34	42	50	58
3	3	11	19	27	35	43	51	59
4	4	12	20	28	36	44	52	60
5	5	13	21	29	37	45	53	61
6	6	14	22	30	38	46	54	62
7	7	15	23	31	39	47	55	63
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64

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1. PRESSING SET LEVEL KEY

Upon pressing SET LEVEL the LCD will show the current level number and the selective search depth number. The following functions are available to control the level setting.

TIME CONTROL:

Pressing TIME CENTROL will toggle the LCD between showing the current level

number and selective search depth and the level setting.

Example:

[ level 1 sel 3 ], press TIME CENTROL - then shows [ 60 in 0:05:00 ] which means 60 moves in 5 minutes.

2. CHANGE COLOR

The DIABLO allows setting seperate levels for White and Black. Setting White's level automatically sets Black's level as well. Pressing CHANGE COLOR flips the line on the left most of the LCD from bottom to top to indicate for which color the level is shown.

Key sequence: SET LEVEL (set level for White) → CHANGE COLOR (set level for Black) → GO

Note: To set separate White and Black levels, set the White level first, then the Black level.

3. "→" RIGHT ARROW

Pressing "→ " (right arrow) increments the selective depth search from 0 to 7. The larger the number, the faster the search.

Note: The search must be sufficiently deep to see a speed up.

"Select 1" - means that on the last ply of the given search the computer will only look at moves which are forcing-or better than what has been found so far. This means for example, that when the display shows the computer is doing a 6 ply search, ALL of the moves of the first 5 plies are searched, but only some of the 6th ply moves are looked at. Naturally captures and checks are then examined deeper.

"Select 2" - means that on the last 2 plies of the given search the computer will only look at moves which

are forcing or better than what has been found so far.

"Select 3" - means the computer will operate it's selective search on the last 3 plies of the given search depth.

"Select 4" - the last 4 plies.

"Select 5" - the last 5 plies, etc.

Note: Selective search depth 4 and 5 are quite reasonable settings for a game in 2 hours or longer.

"Select 0" - means the computer will look at all moves up to the given ply depth. When set for "Select 0" the computer will not overlook any combination which falls within its current search depth.

Solve Mate always uses "Select 0" to make sure no mate is overlooked.

Select level may also be used for "Infinite" time control. Probably the best setting is "Select 4".

Note: The degree of selectivity may be set also independently for Black and White. (see 2. CHANGE COLOR.

4. "←" LEFT ARROW

The DIABLO allows you to adjust any of the 16 tournament levels, 8 sudden death levels, or 16 fixed time levels. For example, pressing "←" (left arrow) will show [\_moves 60] with the 6 flashing. Now, you may use the "←" and "→" Keys to decrement and increment respectively the flashing digit. Press the YES Key to accept the digit. Press the CLEAR Key to accept the entire number.

Note: Use 99 moves for sudden death. Use 0 moves for fixed time.

After setting the number of moves, you will be shown the time control on the LCD. The time control may be adjusted as the moves were adjusted.

Example: To alter the level settings press " ← " Key to decrease number that is flashing or " → " Key to increase that number.

To set a time control of 30 moves in 1 hour.

[ m 00 ] press " -> " Key three times to change the 0 to a 3 then press the YES Key

[ m 30 ] press the YES Key to accept the flashing 0 without change

[t 0:00:00] press " -> " Key once to change the first flashing 0 to a 1 then press the YES Key

[t 1:00:00] press the CLEAR Key to accept the displayed time.

After following the above sequence you will have set the time control for 30 moves in I hour. The clocks will be reset to this new time control. This time control will be remembered by the DIABLO until you change levels or turn the power off.

While the DIABLO is calculating you may view the level setting. However, you may only change the level when it is your move.

## 33. SET UP Key (SETTING UP A SPECIAL POSITION)

Key Sequence: VERIFY/SET UP → VERIFY/SET UP → CLEAR BOARD (to clear the entire board) → SET UP YOUR SPECIAL POSITION → GO

After the second press of the VERIFY / SET UP Key you will be in the SET UP mode and you may now clear the board of all the pieces by pressing the CLEAR BOARD Key. However, if the current position is only slightly different from the one that you wish to set up there is an easier method. Simply pick up the piece you wish to move and put it down on the square you wish.

NOTATION: To show White Pawn on d4 LCD [setup d4]
To show Black Knight on f6 LCD [setup f6]

Note: The color of the piece(s) to be entered or replaced can be changed with the COLOR Key.

#### Examples:

## TO PLACE A WHITE KING ON THE BOARD:

- 1. Make sure that the LCD is showing the low dash "\_".
- 2. Press the Key that has the Symbol of the King beside it.
- 3. Place the White King on the center of any square that you wish.

## TO PLACE A NUMBER OF BLACK PAWNS ON THE BOARD:

- 1. Make sure that the LCD is showing the top dash ("-").
- 2. Press the Key that has the symbol of the Pawn beside it.
- 3. Place any number of Black Pawns on the board, and make sure that they sit directly on the center of their respective squares.

# TO MOVE A PIECE FROM ONE SQUARE TO ANOTHER:

- 1. Pick up the piece that you wish to move.
- 2. Put it down onto any square that you wish, making sure that it sits on the center of the square.

Any legal position may be set up using the above procedure. The DIABLO does not permit the setting up of illegal positions or where there are more than the number of pieces prescribed for a normal game of chess. For example, 9 pawns of the same color, more than 3 bishops of the same color and all other similiar cases will not be permitted.

34. SOLVE MATE Key

Key Sequence:

SOLVE MATE → NUMBER OF MOVES TO MATE → GO

Alternative solutions: After mate solution is found → Take back move as indicated

The DIABLO can solve most chess problems as well as mate problems up to Mate-in-14 even those that require castling, en passant captures or pawn promotions/underpromotions.

SET UP your problem position. Then press the SOLVE MATE Key. The LCD will show the current number of moves to mate. Press the SOLVE MATE Key until the LCD shows the correct number, then press GO to begin the mate search. You may also select the number by placing a piece on the square corresponding to the number that you wish to select.

Example: To select 6, put the piece on a6.

Note: The SOLVE MATE function finds the shortest mate possible in the given position, even if this is a shorter mate than stipulated. In other words, you may stipulate "Mate in 6", but if a "Mate in 5" exists, the DIABLO will find the mate in 5 before any mate in 6. Do not be surprised if in many situations, putting the DIABLO on infinite or a selective search level (0-7), it will find a mate much faster than the SOLVE MATE function. This is because the SOLVE MATE function must examine EVERY possible move, while the selective search discards thousands of dubious moves.

35. SOUND Key

The DIABLO has three different sound settings.

a) SOUND ON - There will be an acoustic signal when pressing any key and when the DIABLO makes a
move.

b) MOVE SOUND- There will be an acoustic signal only when the DIABLO makes a move.

c) SOUND OFF - There will be no acoustic signals at all.

Pressing the SOUND Key will show the current setting [sound on], [sound off] or [move sound] on the LCD for about 4 seconds. Continue to press the SOUND Key to cycle through the three choices. You may change the sound setting even when the DIABLO is thinking.

Note: Power on the computer always sets SOUND ON. NEW GAME retains the sound setting.

36. START OF GAME Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → START OF GAME → YES/NO

The START of GAME Key takes you to the start of the game. If any pieces are not set up correctly, the LCD will prompt you as to where the pieces should be standing.

STORE GAME Key

Key Sequence: SET LEVEL → STORE GAME → YES → (Select game slot) → YES

To store a game into one of the 64 game slots provided by the DIABLO, press SET LEVEL and then the STORE GAME Key. The LCD will show:

[ store game ? ] You must now press YES if you wish to store the current game.

Each game slot is associated with a square on the chessboard. Slots which already have a game saved in them will have the LED on the square turned on. Put a piece on the square associated with the slot in which you wish to save the current game. For example, if you wish to save the current game in slot "B1", place (or lift) a piece on square "B1". The LCD will now show [ Store b1 ? ]. Press YES to save the game to slot "B1".

Note: If you have stored too many long games you may run out of memory to save a total of 64 games. (The computer has a capacity to store 8000 plies).

#### 38. TAKE BACK Key

Key Sequence: TA

TAKE BACK → lift piece on square indicated → place it onto lit FROM square → (replace any piece captured as indicated by the message on the LCD)

If you make a mistake and wish to retract your move, you may press the TAKE BACK Key and follow the above sequence. There is no limit to the number of moves that you may retract but you must remember to replace the captured pieces, castling etc. whenever indicated by the DIABLO on the LCD.

#### TIME CONTROL

Pressing TIME CONTROL Key within the SET LEVEL mode you will see the true specification of the selected level.

Example: Choose level 43 [-Level 43 set 3]. Press now TIME CONTROL Key and the Display will show:
[-novice 3]

#### 40. TOURNAMENT BOOK Key

Key Sequence:

SET LEVEL → TOURNAMENT BOOK [Tournament on] → TOURNAMENT BOOK [Tournament off] → GO

Turning [ Tournament On ] restricts the DIABLO's choice of openings. After the first three (3) moves the DIABLO will play only it's "best" choices.

Note: When you switch the DIABLO on, the big opening book is set on. Playing with the DIABLO against an human opponent, the big OPENING BOOK should be selected to grant the computer its best playing strength, whereas playing against a chess computer, the TOURNAMENT BOOK function should be on.

#### 41. TRACE FORWARD Key

Key Sequence:

TRACE FORWARD → lift piece indicated on LCD → place it onto lit TO square → (if captured, remove captured piece)

The TRACE FORWARD Key is used for tracing forward all the moves of a game after the RESTORE mode has been activated to reset the board position back to the start of the current game in memory. This key is also used after using the TAKE BACK function. Every press of this key will replay a move of the current game until all the moves in memory have been replayed and indicated by the words [ End of Game ] on the LCD message. You may now continue to play.

### 42. VERIFY Key

Key Sequence:

VERIFY / SETUP → (select color) → (select any piece key) → (adjust misplaced piece, if any) → GO

The VERIFY Key is used to check if the position on the board is exactly the same as that held in the DIABLO's memory. Press the VERIFY Key once. If any piece is misplaced or if a square which contains a piece is in fact empty the DIABLO will immediately indicate the necessary action required to clear up the error. If the square should be vacant the LCD will just show the name of the square e.g. [ver \_d4]. However, if a square is empty but should contain for example the White Knight then the LCD would show [ver N\_f3], which would require you to put a White Knight on the square f3. You may use the VERIFY function even while the DIABLO is thinking.

#### 43. YES/START Key

If you are <u>not</u> in the Level mode, this key will send the display of the first move to the start of the game. If you are in Level mode, this key will send the board position to the start of the game after prompting. Using this key during a game does not affect the board.

# V. LCD EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS:

Novag Diablo	The DIABLO has just been switched on.
Board _ <b>x</b> h1	You are requested to put a White Rook on the square h1.
_ 1	The DIABLO is ready to play and you may make the first move for White.
- · 1 e2e4	The DIABLO has just played e2e4 and is waiting for your move for Black.
- 1 e2e4 e7e5	The first move of this game is displayed.
0:01:15_0:02:34	Clock display showing that White has used 1 minute and 15 seconds and Black has used 2 minutes and 34 seconds.
_ 12 d1e2+	White has played its 12th move d1e2 and puts Black into check.
1:12:34_01:32	White has used 1 hour, 12 minutes, 34 seconds for the game and 1 minute, 32 seconds for this move.
e2e4 book	The move e2e4 is in the opening book of the DIABLO.
d04 07-26	The DIABLO has searched this position to a depth of 4 half moves and there are still 7 legal moves to search out of a total of 26 legal moves in this position.
0001234567 n	The number of positions searched.
_level 1 sel 3	Display showing the White side is set for level 1 and the selective depth is set at 3.
_60 in 0:05:00	TIME CONTROL mode has been selected and the level number is replaced by the detailed description of level 1. This level is 60 moves in 5 minutes.
_9ame in 0:05:00	As above but now for level 18.
_fix 4:00:00	As above but now for level 36, four hours per move.
_novice 5	Novice level 5 is selected for White. This will make the DIABLO play weaker.
_ 12 ply	Level selected is 61. The DIABLO will compute this move to the depth of 12 half moves but this may take a very long time unless in the endgame.
_moves 99	Setting your own time control. Please see SET LEVEL instruction.

_time 0:15:00	Setting your own time control. Please see SET LEVEL instruction.
Human	Interface HUMAN mode has been selected.
Video	Interface VIDEO mode has been selected.
9600 baud	Interface speed of 9600 baud has been selected.
1200 baud	Interface speed of 1200 haud has been selected.
Learn on	LEARNING mode has been selected.
Move flash 1	One move flash of the LEDs for AUTOPLAY and REPLAY mode has been selected.
Training off	TRAINING mode is turned off.
Autoclocks on	Interface autoclocks have been turned on.
Send Info 3	Print evaluations level 3 has been selected.
Store game?	The DIABLO needs a YES key press to store the current game.
Enter sq	The DIABLO is waiting. By placing a piece on the chess board you can indicate which of the 64 game slots you wish to use to save the current game.
Save c4?	Press YES key to save the current game in slot c4.
Go to end?	Press YES key to go to the end of the current game.
End of game	You are at the end of the current game in memory.
Go to start?	Press YES key to go to the start of the current game.
Start of game	You are at the start of the current game in memory.
gambit off	The Gambit Book is not selected.
infinite on	The Infinite level has been selected. The computer continues to calculate until you press the GO key.
info off	The INFO mode for displaying " search information " is off.

Rating is 1400	Your current rating against the DIABLO.
1+ 0- 1=	You have won one, lost none and drawn one game with the DIABLO.
Rating on	The DIABLO will rate your games.
New Rating?	Press YES key to reset your current rating.
Restore game?	Press YES key to restore a game previously stored.
Tournament on	You have selected the TOURNAMENT BOOK which means the DIABLO will select the best lines from its opening book.
Analyze white?	You have selected the ANALYZE GAMES option and if you wish the DIABLO to analyze for the White side, press YES key.
Analyze black?	As above but now for the Black side.
Analyze botk?	As above but now for both sides.
Normal book	The built in opening book is selected.
Normal first	Both the built in book and the PRO-OP book will be consulted. The built in book will be looked at first.
Pro-op first	Both books as above but the PRO-OP book will be consulted first.
Pro-op book	As above but only the PRO-OP book will be used.
Book off	The DIABLO will not consult either opening book.
Delete opening?	Press YES key to delete all openings in the PRO-OP book which include the current position.
Clear pro-op?	Press YES key to erase the PRO-OP book.
autoplay on	AUTOPLAY mode is on, the DIABLO will play against itself after you press GO key.
demo on	DEMO mode is on. The DIABLO will continue to play games against itself.
Error	You have pressed a key that is not the appropriate response for the action which is expected by the DIABLO.
Print moves on	Moves will be sent to the INTERFACE as they are played on the board.

REFEREE (Player/Player) mode is selected. referee on You are in the Solve Mate option which is now set to solve a mate-in-2 mate in 2 problem. Alternately, the DIABLO has just announced a mate-in-2 moves. The DIABLO cannot find a solution for the mate-in-2 problem. no mate RANDOM mode (more variety) has been selected. random on To save the current moves to the PRO-OP book press YES key. Save opening? To move all the variations which include the current moves to the top of the First Priority? PRO-OP book, press YES key. You are in the VERIFY mode. verify The White King should be standing on the square e1. verify \_ie1 You are in SET UP mode and are ready to place a White pawn on the board. setup -I . Do you want to change the side to move? Press YES key to change and NO key Change Color? to exit. The HINT key has been pressed and the DIABLO shows the first two half moves e2e4 d7d6 hlp of the HINT. Press HINT again to continue viewing the suggested line of play. The DIABLO requires you to press a piece key to select the piece that you Pro piece? wish to promote to. stale mate A stalemate draw has been declared. Draw because of the three time repetition rule has been achieved. draw .3rd Draw because of the 50 move rule has been achieved. draw 50 The object of the game! check mate The DIABLO considers himself beaten. Resign- You win

# VI. TROUBLE SHOOTING

All NOVAG ® computers are extensively tested before leaving the factory to ensure trouble free performance. However, if you encounter any problems during play, please check the following list first before calling your dealer or sending it in for repair.

## 1. Your computer does not work

- Check if the adaptor plug sits properly in the socket, as tight as possible with minimal movement. If this is loose it may interrupt the power supply to the DIABLO.
- Check that the small adaptor plug that connects to the DIABLOis fully inserted.
- Check the operating voltage of your adaptor to see if it matches your local power supply.
- Check if your power supply fluctuates by more than 10% as this may cause irregular performance.

## 2. All LEDs light up and the computer is completely blocked

- Disconnect the power supply.
- Turn the DIABLO over and you will find a hole marked RESET with a switch in it. Slide this switch in the opposite direction and hold for at least 5 seconds. Release your fingers and the switch will return to its normal position automatically. This will reset the internal memory of the DIABLO and all games stored and the Pro-Op Book will be erased.

## 3. One of the LEDs does not light up

Use this key sequence: VERIFY/SETUP → VERIFY/SETUP → CLEAR BOARD → (press any piece key) → (test all squares) → NEW GAME

Take any chess piece and put it once on every square one after the other. When you put down the chess piece the LED of that square should light up and if any of the squares does not light up you should send your set to your dealer for replacement of the faulty LED.

## 4. One square does not register a move

Use this key sequence: SET LEVEI → (test all squares) → NEW GAME

Take a chess piece and put it on every square one after the other. You should hear 2 beeps and the LCD should show the level number of the square that you have activated. If any of the squares has no response then the reed switch that controls the square may be faulty. But first check this square using a stronger magnet and if this succeeds in activating the square then the fault lies in the chess piece magnets which is not strong enough. Please see your dealer for the replacement of the chess piece.

#### Care of the NOVAG DIABLO

Dirt and dust can be removed with a soft cloth. Do NOT use any chemical solvents or water on the set. Damage caused by their use invalidates the warrenty.

## VII. TECHNICAL DATA AND FEATURES

Microprocessor
 Program Size
 68.000
 96K Byte F

Program Size 96K Byte ROM
 80K Byte RAM

Hash - Table Size
 64K Byte or approx. 8200 positions

System Clock Speed 16 MHZ
 Integrated Chess Clock Yes
 Power Consumption 2,55W Max.

Current 300 mA Max.
 Adaptor 8.5V AC rating 850 mA (Novag Art. Nr. 8220)

LCD Display and Information LCD Yes
 Novag Super System Connection Yes

Board Size 475 x 400 x 55mm

Playing Levels 64

To Make a Move 64 Magnet Sensors LCD/LEDs Showing a Move Opening Book Size (ply) > 32.000 Maximum Opening Book Depth 60 ply Programmable Opening Moves 1500 ply Game and Opening Mcmory Yes up to 64 games or approx. 8000 ply Games can be saved up to 400 ply Take Back Moves Set Up / Verify Function Yes most mate - in - 14 Solves Mate up to mate - in - 15 Mate Announcement Depth of Search 28 ply Shows Depth (in ply) Yes Strategy of Endgame Yes up to 400 ply of history moves Special Learning Function allow the computer to remember positions from games in which its score has suddenly dropped. Random Generator Yes Move Suggestion Yes Restore Function Yes Replay of Game Yes Autoplay Yes Automatic Rating of Players Yes Shows Score, and can Resign Yes

WARRANTY: For details please refer to the enclosed Warranty Card.

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