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Operating
Manual



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Congratulations on your purchase of Excalibur Electronics' TV Guide® Electronic Crossword. Now you can take your favorite TV puzzles anywhere without needing a pen or paper. You've watched the shows; now put your knowledge to the test with hundreds of TV Guide® puzzles to choose from!

The TV Guide® Electronic Crossword 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.

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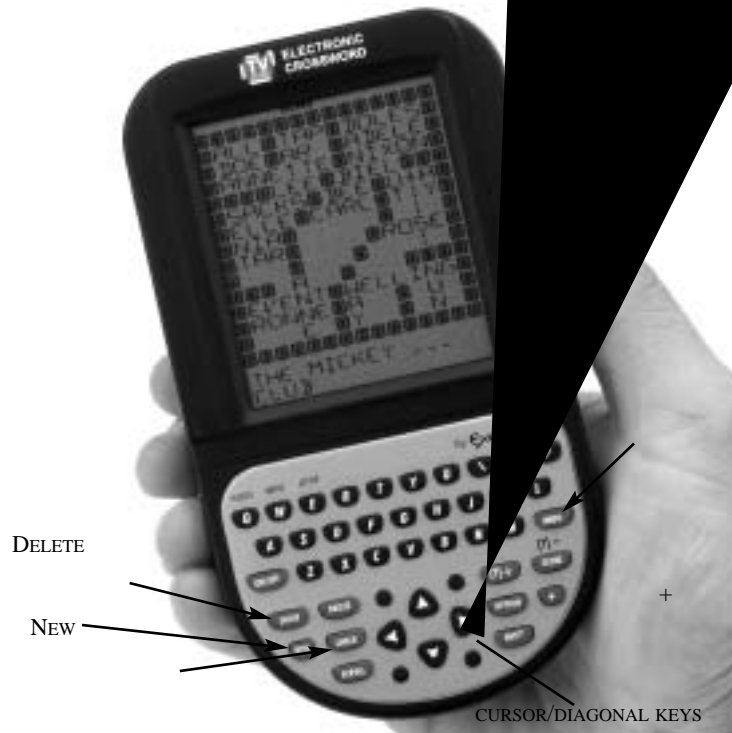
Installing Batteries

Your TV Guide® Electronic Crossword requires 2 AAA batteries, included. To install the batteries, carefully turn TV Guide® Electronic Crossword over so that the unit is face-down on a soft surface. Locate the battery compartment on the back of the unit. Then

remove the battery compartment lid by pulling up on the small lever and lifting off the lid. Install the batteries, making sure to match polarity (+ and -). Reposition the battery compartment lid and snap into place.

TV Guide® Electronic Crossword may lock up due to static discharge or other electrical disturbances. If this should happen, use a slim, pointed object to press the reset button on the back of the unit.

Layout of TV Guide® Electronic



keys move up, down, left and right. The circular keys (surrounding the arrow keys) move the cursor diagonally.

ENTER: Press this button to switch between **ACROSS** and

solve additional words besides the one where the cursor is currently flashing. Press and hold down this button to view the other word locations that are all part of this clue's solution.

[?]+: Press this button any time that you see brackets: [] as part of a clue. This means that the current clue references another clue in the puzzle. Press this key to look at the next referenced clue. The solution to the referenced clue will appear in between the brackets if the referenced clue has been solved. Otherwise, question marks will appear for each unsolved solution letter that is being referenced.

NOTE: A clue may reference another clue, which in turn references yet another clue ... and so forth.

[?]-/SCORE: This is a dual function button. If the **[?]+** button has been pressed so you can look at a referenced clue, press this button to return to the previous clue. The **[?]-** button

works only when the “?” icon is on. You can also press this button to display the Score screen. If you're already in the Score screen, pressing this button will get you back to the puzzle grid.

CHECK: When you press and hold down this button, all incorrect letters on the puzzle grid will flash.

NOTE: Each time you press this button, there will be a 10 point penalty on your score. A maximum of 40 penalty points can be deducted from your score.

OPTION: Press this button to access the Option screen, which allows you to set up your game preferences. When you are at the Option screen, press this button again to return to the puzzle grid.

RESET: If your TV Guide® Electronic Crossword locks up or malfunctions, use a ballpoint pen to press this button, located on the back of the unit.

Functions of Prompts

Here is a list of prompts that appear on your puzzle grid screen. It will help you to become familiar with these icons.

ACROSS: This prompt will appear on your LCD any time the clue corresponds with a word that runs horizontally.

DOWN: This prompt will

appear on your LCD any time the clue corresponds with a word that runs vertically.

SCROLL: This prompt will appear on your LCD whenever the clue provided has more than two lines of text.

(?-): This icon appears any time the **(?-)** key may be used to return to a linked clue.

Getting Started with TV Guide® Electronic Crosswords

Normally you simply press **ON/ENTER** to turn on the unit. But if you've just installed batteries, or pushed the **RESET** button, you'll hear a sound and the display will show automatically:

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Press any key to continue. Your LCD will then show the Puzzle Type menu. You will notice that there is an (>) next to

the active option on the menu. Use the **UP/DOWN** buttons to scroll to the desired option. Then press **ENTER** to confirm your selection. You'll have the following three options to choose from:

NEXT PUZZLE: Choose this option to automatically select the next puzzle number. For instance, if you just solved puzzle #304, choosing this option will quickly take you to puzzle #305.

PUZZLE BY TV PROGRAM:

Choose this option to select a puzzle that has a large number of clues that relate to the indicated TV program. When you choose this option, the LCD will display a list of TV shows in alphabetical order. You'll notice that there is a number in parentheses next to each title. That number indicates the number of clues that relate to that particular show. You can use the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons to scroll to the puzzle of your choice, pressing **ENTER** to confirm your selection.

PUZZLE NUMBER: Choose this option to select a particular puzzle number. When you choose this option, the **LCD** will prompt you to use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to increase or decrease the puzzle number by ten; or use the **RIGHT** and **LEFT** arrow buttons to increase or decrease the puzzle number by one.

You will notice that the **LCD** displays the puzzle status under the puzzle number to indicate

whether the puzzle is **NEW**, **TRIED**, or **SOLVED**.

Solving the Puzzle!

Once you have chosen your puzzle as described above, the TV Guide® Electronic Crossword's **LCD** will display the puzzle grid. By default, the cursor will be flashing over the first letter of the first word that runs **ACROSS**. You can move around the grid in any direction that you choose using the arrow buttons and the circular diagonal buttons which surround the arrow buttons.. Position the

cursor over the first letter of the word you wish to solve. The clue for that word is displayed at the bottom of the **LCD**. Press **ENTER** to change the direction that the word runs (down or across). The clue automatically changes to match the word direction. Once you are ready to fill in the blanks, use the **A-Z** alphabet buttons to type in your answer.

If you need help solving the puzzle, please keep in mind that

your Electronic Crossword can help you according to what you need. Let's say that you have drawn a blank and cannot think of the word. Maybe all you need is a clue. Press the **SOLVE** button. At this time, the LCD will prompt you to press **Q**, **W**, or **E**. Press the **E** button and the display will reveal the letter that the cursor is flashing on. Press the **W** button and the display will reveal the word that the cursor is flashing on. Press the **Q** button and the display will reveal the entire puzzle.

Keeping Score

You can check your score any time you want by pressing the **SCORE** button. The **LCD** will then show the Score screen which displays the following items:

- The total number of correct letters you have entered.
- The number of letters that have been revealed by the Electronic Crossword.
- The total number of incorrect letters you have entered.
- The total number of penalty points assessed.
- The score, which equals the

number of correct letters minus the letters that were revealed (using the **SOLVE** key), minus the number of incorrect letters, minus any penalty points for using the **CHECK** feature.

- The time taken thus far to resolve the puzzle.
- The puzzle number
- The best score. Please keep in mind that the best score information is updated when a new puzzle is selected. Dashes will be shown in place of numbers until a non-zero score has been achieved.
- The best time.

Options and More Options!

You'll want to become familiar with the Options screen, because this screen offers various alternatives for setting up your game, as well as saving your puzzles. Once you are in this screen, you will see the following items:

AUTO CHECK: Choose **ON** if you would like for TV Guide® Electronic Crossword to make a sound any time that an incorrect

solution letter is typed.

Note: When you choose to turn on this option, each wrong letter pressed will result in one penalty point, up to a maximum of 40 penalty points.

SAVE PUZZLE: Selecting **YES** will save the current puzzle and user information.

SWAP PUZZLE: TV Guide® Electronic Crossword is ideal for the husband and wife, for example, who both love to work crosswords, because the device keeps track of new, tried and completed puzzles for two different users!

Once a puzzle and the user information have been saved and the second user has started a puzzle, the Option screen will show “SWAP PUZZLE” instead of “SAVE PUZZLE”. Simply select “SWAP PUZZLE” to go back to the first player’s information and game, (including the games tried by that person and the resulting scores). Select “SWAP PUZZLE” again to return to the second player’s information.

Caution: Selecting the **SAVED PUZZLE** from the Main menu will

erase the **SWAP PUZZLE** information, so keep this in mind before you push it.

SOUND: Use this option to turn your game’s sound on or off.

CONTRAST: Use this option to select one of eight settings for your **LCD**.

SMALL TEXT: When turned **ON**, the clue text is displayed in small font. When turned **OFF**, the clues are shown in a larger character font.

To Turn Off

In case you would like to take a break from TV Guide® Electronic Crossword, press the **ON/OFF** button and the device will shut off. Please keep in mind that if no buttons are pushed for four minutes, TV Guide® Electronic Crossword will automatically shut itself off to save your batteries. When you are ready to continue, simply press **ON/OFF** once again and Crossword will return right to where you left off with your game.

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.

If no button is pushed for four minutes, your TV Guide® Electronic Crossword will switch off to save your batteries. Just push the ON/ENTER button to continue where you left off.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Battery Information

- Batteries should be installed and replaced only by an adult.
- Your TV Guide® Electronic Crossword uses 2 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.

Due to continuing improvements, actual product may differ slightly from the product described herein.

90-Day Limited 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.

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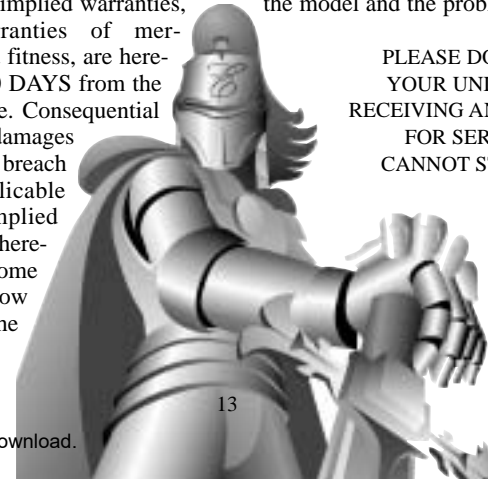
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If your warranty has expired and you want an estimated fee for service, write to the above address, specifying the model and the problem.

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