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Welcome to the first Inside Straight of 2020

Here's hoping this year will be a healthy and prosperous one for us all.

2020 is going to be a banner year for video poker at IGT. We have great games slated and great new platforms for them to thrive in. In particular, we're very excited about the new PeakBarTop™ gaming machine and the latest versions of Game King® and Super Star® software designed to satisfy bar players of all types. You'll learn more about the PeakBarTop™ gaming machine and our new flagship multi-game sets inside this issue.

You'll also get a peek at one of the most exciting games we've developed in years; the Stack 'Em High Poker™ game. This title has a unique bonusing element that offers two separate features at once, doubling the fun for players.

We've also got some good technical information to help you get the most out of your boxes. As we make the transition from the AVP® foundation to Ascent® foundation, our video poker team wants to make sure you know we're here with the information you need to keep things running smoothly.

Enjoy this issue and as always, if you have suggestions or questions, please reach out to your Video Poker Specialist below.

Sincerely,
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The New PeakBarTop™ Gaming Machine

Where form, function, and content come together to give you everything your current and future players will love.

We are so proud of this new device, which underwent years of planning and three design changes based on feedback received from operators, players and even bartenders – all of whom contributed to the final product.

The result is a sleek, sexy, and incredibly functional design which is beyond compare. Everything is right at-hand for the player. The familiar game play buttons

remain unchanged to satisfy long-time video poker players, while enhancements like a front-mounted ticket printer and an embedded players card reader between the button panel and screen keep everything within easy reach.

And speaking of the screen, the new 23-inch curved design provides unsurpassed clarity and improved glare reduction. Plus, it looks great!



- The perfect mix of classic feel with modern design
- A balanced blend of proven performers and new game titles to satisfy players of all types
- The most compelling presence on any bar — only from IGT

For more information or to order, contact your Video Poker Specialist.

GAME
SPOTLIGHT

The Stack the Deck Poker™ Game

This well-received title is back and better than ever!



This game is all about what players love; hitting more high-paying hands.

It's easy to understand, requires no strategy changes, and delivers roughly 20 times more four-of-a-kinds!

It's simple. The player bets an extra two coins per hand and whenever they receive three-of-a kind or four to the royal on the initial deal, the bonus adds three to five additional copies of the specific card needed to complete the hand. So instead of the typical 1 in 47 to get the quad or royal, your odds are greatly improved to as much as 6 in 47!

Another benefit of having the extra cards in the deck is that players can get five-of-a-kinds, even in non-wild card game families. Five is better than four of course, so we've

created new, enhanced pay categories with special pays that can award as much as a Royal Flush for hitting a five-of-a-kind in certain games.

And just to make it a little more interesting, we've introduced a brand-new pay category called the "Baby Royal," which is a 9 through King suited. Instead of the disappointment experienced in a normal game for just missing a Royal Flush, a "Baby Royal" pays up to 2,000 credits for a satisfying win!

More quads, more royals, and new attainable jackpots all add up to a fun and compelling game to excite both new players and those that initially fell in love with it alike.

To play this game right now, visit videopoker.com/stackthedeck

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GAME
SPOTLIGHT

The Stack Em' High™ Poker Game

Bringing bonus action to new heights!



This unique title is available in both Triple Play and Five Play variants and supports more game families than most traditional bonused video poker titles – 13 in all. Because of the unique bonusing feature which awards hands containing aces or deuces, game families where special pays are available for hands containing these cards are featured. For example, Jacks or Better is not available, however White Hot Aces is. There are even four different Deuces Wild variants, including the new Kicker Deuces game family.

There aren't many video poker players who don't recognize the value of aces and deuces in these poker families, which is where the jackpot appeal comes in. With the combination of added hands and "sticky" bonus cards, a little luck is all it takes to turn one good starting hand into a dozen big winning hands when playing the Stack 'Em High™ game.

If you haven't played this game yet, you can try it right now by visiting videopoker.com/stackemhigh

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REVENUE TALK

The Latest and Greatest Game Suites

By Brad Fredella



As the video poker team began the transition from the AVP® platform to the Ascent® platform in early 2019, we soon realized the existing poker hardware on casino floors couldn't handle all of the new game content we had planned for the first big Ascent® bundles of Game King® and Super Star Poker®. It was just too much.

Instead of limiting the Ascent® versions of these popular multi-game sets to what could fit on AVP® hardware, we decided to do an AVP® foundation build of each set with as much new content as possible, then go hog-wild with a ton of new games on the Ascent® versions. This means two Game King® sets and two Super Star

Poker® sets coming out very close together in early 2020, offering the best of both worlds for hardware both new and old.

Game King® 8.4 and Super Star Poker® 1.5 are AVP® sets which introduce three exciting, all-new keno titles and Roulette. We also made several timing and sound adjustments to improve that classic "IGT feel" which long-time players will appreciate. The resulting game sets are the latest and the best of the AVP® line; sure to be a hit with players.

Next are the Ascent®-based multi-game sets, Game King® X and Super Star Poker® II. These offer a wide variety of the defining Game King® and Super Star Poker® titles, plus

over a dozen new poker, keno and slot games – far too many to list here. Graphics pop and these new sets make full use of the powerful electronics behind the new PeakBarTop™ and Cobalt™ cabinets for a truly incredible gaming experience.

For all 3.0ME and 4.0 V1 cabinets, the AVP® bundles are the right choice. For PeakBarTop™, Cobalt™ 23 or any 4.0+ or 4.1 electronics, go with the Ascent® game sets. No matter which you choose, you can rest assured you're offering the best multi-game poker product available from the manufacturer who's been doing it longer than anyone – IGT.

Version	Type	Release Date	Electronics Required	Cabinet Compatibility
Game King® 8.3/SuperStar® Native	AVP®	Available Now	AVP® 3.0 ME to 4.0 v1	G series, Universal Slant, Crystal Slant™
Game King® 8.3R	AVP®	Available Now	AVP® 3.0 ME to 4.0 v1	G series, Universal Slant, Crystal Slant™
Game King® 8.4/Super Star® 1.5	AVP®	GK - February SuperStar® - Available Now	AVP® 3.0 ME to 4.0 v1	G series, Universal Slant, Crystal Slant™
Game King® X	Ascent®	March	AVP® 4.0V2, 4.0+, or 4.1	PeakBarTop™, Cobalt™, Crystal Slant™
Super Star® II	Ascent®	March	AVP® 4.0+	PeakBarTop™

Please see your Video Poker Specialists for full details on hardware requirements, product release timing in your jurisdiction, and full game theme lists for each of these four exciting new bundles.

TECH TALK

Switching Between AVP® and Ascent® Poker Programs

By Sal Lambert



The 3.0ME electronics found in the later generation U-Slant and G-series poker cabinets have traditionally run AVP® software, however our latest single-theme Ascent® poker products can also be offered on these cabinets. Likewise, the new CrystalSlant™ Poker cabinet which runs

on 4.0 V1 electronics designed primarily for Ascent® content can also accommodate AVP® poker games. Making this switch between AVP® and Ascent® content on either the 3.0ME or 4.0 V1 electronics is a bit more involved than updating a theme running on the same

foundation, so here's how to do it: The following will explain how to convert the Flash Boot from ASB014-A40-I-21 to IBRF40IUSDM12 or its replacements. This will be necessary when converting AVP® Family 14 game content to Ascent® Family 20 game content and vice-versa.

Hardware Requirements:

- AVP® Flash Boot file
- Ascent® Flash Boot file
- All necessary game programs

Tools Required:

- EKEY000007
- DIAGUNV00113
- DIAGNOSTIC-014-21

Instructions: AVP to Ascent

1. With EGM off, open door
2. Insert DIAGNOSTIC-014-21 into an open USB port
3. Insert EKEY000007 into the Secure Port
4. Turn Power ON
5. Select Flash Boot Prom
6. Follow Option A or Option B

Option A:

Backup the installed image

1. A backup to the installed Flash Boot image can be done now

2. Insert a destination thumb drive into an open USB port (This will be the E-prom AVP or Ascent Thumb Drive)
3. Select Backup Flash Image
4. Highlight the file, touch the keyboard on the left
5. Name the file. (Sample: Copy of AVP® boot)
6. Select Done. The file will be permanently added to the destination thumb drive

Option B:

Installing the Ascent Flash Boot File

1. Load the Ascent® Flash Boot file
2. Highlight the IBRF40IXXXXX. bin file
3. Select Program Flash icon
4. A status bar will appear and once complete, it will show Flash Successful
5. Remove the EKEY000007
6. Remove DIAGNOSTIC-014-21

Instructions: Ascent to AVP

1. Insert ASB014-A40-I-21 Flash Boot thumb drive into an open USB port, it will populate in the BIOS Image page
2. Select the AVP® boot file
3. Select Install
4. Once installed, you must insert the DIAGNOSTIC-014-21 and install all the AVP® programs using normal loading procedures

The Latest Keno Games from IGT Are Here!



Available now on native AVP® SuperStar®
and Game King® titles— coming soon to
the Ascent® platform.

All three games combine bonus elements similar to wildly popular IGT titles like Caveman Keno® and Cleopatra Keno® to satisfy players of all kinds.

- Slot-like action, now available in keno
- Player-selectable bonus spots giving players control of their destiny
- Free games features to extend the fun
- Multipliers offering big payout potential within typical keno liability limits



For more information or to place an order for Game King® or Super Star®
featuring these sensational new keno titles, please contact your
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