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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Introduction

ThinkFun Solitaire Chess is a unique single-player puzzle game designed to sharpen your mind through strategic thinking and logical deduction. Unlike traditional chess, your goal is to capture pieces until only one remains on the board. This game is an excellent way to develop critical skills such as logical deduction, spatial reasoning, planning, memory, and focus through engaging gameplay.

The game comes with 60 challenges ranging from beginner to expert, ensuring a progressive learning curve and continuous mental stimulation.

Components

- 1 Game Board
- 10 Chess Pieces (King, Queen, 2 Bishops, 2 Knights, 2 Rooks, 2 Pawns)
- 1 Challenge Booklet with 60 Challenges and Solutions



SOLO CHESS

SHARPEN SKILLS

Image: ThinkFun Solitaire Chess game components, showing the game board, blue chess pieces, and the challenge booklet.

Setup

1. Select a challenge from the Challenge Booklet. The challenges are organized by difficulty, from Beginner to Expert.
2. Place the specified chess pieces on the game board exactly as shown in the selected challenge diagram. Ensure the pieces are placed on the correct squares.
3. The goal is to capture all but one piece on the board.

How to Play

The rules for moving and capturing pieces in Solitaire Chess are the same as in traditional chess. However, there are two key differences:

- **Every move must result in a capture.** You cannot move a piece without capturing an opponent's piece.
- **The game ends when only one piece remains on the board.** This remaining piece is the one you win with.

Familiarize yourself with standard chess piece movements:

- **King:** Moves one square in any direction (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally).
- **Queen:** Moves any number of vacant squares in any direction (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally).
- **Bishop:** Moves any number of vacant squares diagonally.
- **Knight:** Moves in an 'L' shape (two squares in one direction, then one square perpendicularly). Knights can jump over other pieces.
- **Rook:** Moves any number of vacant squares horizontally or vertically.
- **Pawn:** Moves one square diagonally forward to capture.

Plan your moves carefully to ensure you can continue capturing pieces until only a single piece is left.

Challenges

The Challenge Booklet contains 60 unique puzzles, categorized into different difficulty levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert. Start with the Beginner challenges to understand the game mechanics and gradually progress to more complex puzzles as your skills improve.

Each challenge presents a unique starting configuration of chess pieces, and your task is to find the sequence of captures that leaves only one piece.

Benefits and Skills Developed

Playing ThinkFun Solitaire Chess helps develop several cognitive skills:

- **Logical Deduction:** Analyze the board and deduce the optimal sequence of moves.
- **Spatial Reasoning:** Visualize piece movements and their impact on the board.
- **Critical Thinking:** Evaluate different strategies and anticipate outcomes.
- **Planning:** Formulate a series of moves to achieve the desired result.
- **Focus and Concentration:** Maintain attention to detail throughout the challenge.

Official Product Video

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Video: An official product video demonstrating the ThinkFun Solitaire Chess game and its features.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	6.69 x 0.79 x 6.69 inches
Item Weight	13.1 ounces
Item Model Number	44003400
Manufacturer Recommended Age	8 years and up
Manufacturer	ThinkFun

Troubleshooting

If you find yourself stuck on a particular challenge and are unable to find the solution, refer to the back of the Challenge Booklet. It contains detailed solutions for all 60 puzzles. Reviewing the solutions can help you understand the logic and improve your strategic thinking for future challenges.

Warranty and Support

For any questions, concerns, or support regarding your ThinkFun Solitaire Chess game, please visit the official ThinkFun website or contact their customer service department. Details for contacting support can typically be found on the product packaging or the ThinkFun website.

ThinkFun is committed to providing high-quality games and customer satisfaction.

