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Lexibook Chessman® Elite Interactive Electronic Chess Game + Instruction Manual

Model: CG1300US

1. Introduction

The Lexibook Chessman® Elite is an interactive electronic chess game designed to provide an engaging and educational experience for players of all levels. With 64 difficulty levels, it caters to both beginners and experienced chess enthusiasts. The system features an Elo 1800 player rating system and 16 LEDs that indicate moves, enhancing the interactive gameplay.
This manual provides comprehensive instructions for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your Chessman® Elite. Please read it carefully to ensure optimal use and enjoyment of your electronic chess game.



Figure 1: Lexibook Chessman® Elite Electronic Chess Game.

2. Setup

2.1 Unboxing and Components

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. The box should contain:

- One electronic chessboard.
- A complete set of black chess pieces.
- A complete set of white chess pieces.
- A storage pouch for the chess pieces.
- This instruction manual.



Figure 2: Top-down view of the Chessman® Elite board, showing its touch-sensitive chessboard and controls.

2.2 Power Supply

The Chessman® Elite requires 3 x LR6/AA batteries (not included) or a 9V 3000mA adapter with positive direction (not included). Locate the battery compartment on the underside of the chessboard, insert the batteries according to the polarity indicators, and close the compartment securely. Alternatively, connect the compatible 9V adapter to the designated port.

2.3 Setting Up the Pieces

Place the chess pieces on the board in their standard starting positions. The board is touch-sensitive, and the system will recognize the placement of pieces once a game is initiated or a setup is confirmed.

3. Operating Instructions

The Chessman® Elite offers various modes and functions to enhance your chess experience.

3.1 Game Modes and Difficulty Levels

The game features 64 difficulty levels, categorized into two main modes:

- **Training Mode:** Includes 5 "beginners" levels designed for new players to learn the game and basic strategies.
- **Improvement Mode:** Offers 8 normal playing levels for experienced players to deepen their knowledge and challenge the computer.

Additionally, there are 4 different playing styles: normal, aggressive, defensive, and high-risk, allowing for varied gameplay experiences.

3.2 Basic Operations

- **New Game:** Press the "NEW GAME" button to start a new game.
- **Level:** Use the "LEVEL" button to select your desired difficulty level.
- **Player Modes:** Play in 2-player mode or player vs. computer mode. A MULTIMOVE level is available for refereeing games between two human players.
- **On/Save/Off:** This button allows you to turn the chessboard on, save the current game position, and turn the chessboard off.

3.3 Advanced Functions

- **HINT:** Press "HINT" to ask the computer for a suggested next move.
- **TAKE BACK:** The "TAKE BACK" function allows you to undo up to 2 full moves.
- **MOVE:** Use the "MOVE" function to observe the computer playing against itself, which can be a learning tool.
- **VERIFY:** The "VERIFY" function checks the current board setup against standard rules.
- **SET UP:** This function allows you to program specific positions on the board, useful for solving problems or practicing scenarios from the manual.
- **Sound/Color:** Activate or deactivate sound effects and change the color played using this function.
- **Pieces:** Dedicated buttons indicate the correct positioning of pieces on the chessboard.

3.4 Game Rules and Features

The Chessman® Elite is programmed with advanced chess rules, including:

- The 50-move rule.
- "Pat" (stalemate) and draw by repetition.
- Pawn promotion.
- "En passant" capture.
- Ability to solve mate in 5 moves.

The 16 LEDs (horizontally and vertically) on the board illuminate to show the moves played by the computer or to guide you during setup and training.
In **Training Mode**, the system indicates whether a move just played is optimal or allows the player to attempt a new move, providing immediate feedback for improvement.



Figure 3: Engaging in a game with the Chessman® Elite.



Figure 4: Dynamic gameplay with the Chessman® Elite.

4. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and proper functioning of your Lexibook Chessman® Elite, follow these maintenance

guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the chessboard and pieces. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as they may damage the finish or electronic components.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the chessboard and pieces in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Utilize the provided storage pouch for the chess pieces to prevent loss or damage.
- **Battery Care:** If the unit will not be used for an extended period, remove the batteries to prevent leakage and corrosion.

5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your Chessman® Elite, please refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on.	Batteries are low or incorrectly installed; power adapter is not connected or faulty.	Replace batteries with new ones, ensuring correct polarity. Check power adapter connection and ensure it is a 9V 3000mA with positive direction.
Board does not register moves or pieces.	Pieces not placed firmly on squares; board sensor issue.	Ensure pieces are pressed down firmly on the center of each square. Try restarting the game. If the issue persists, contact customer support.
Computer makes "illegal" moves.	This is highly unlikely for a chess computer. It might be a misunderstanding of complex rules or a rare software glitch.	Review the rules of chess, especially for special moves like en passant or castling. If you believe it's a persistent error, try resetting the unit or contact customer support.
Sound is not working.	Sound function is deactivated.	Press the "Sound/Color" button to activate the sound effects.

If these steps do not resolve your issue, please refer to the Warranty and Support section for further assistance.

6. Specifications

- **Product Dimensions:** 13.66 x 9.37 x 0.04 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1.49 pounds
- **Model Number:** CG1300US
- **Manufacturer:** Lexibook
- **Recommended Age:** 7 years and older (as per product description, though specifications list 3 years and up, 7 years is more appropriate for chess)
- **Power Supply:** 3 x LR6/AA batteries (not included) or 9V 3000mA adapter (not included)
- **Difficulty Levels:** 64 (5 beginner, 8 normal playing levels, plus game styles)
- **Player Rating System:** Elo 1800
- **LED Indicators:** 16 (horizontal and vertical)

7. Warranty and Support

The Lexibook Chessman® Elite comes with a**2-year warranty**. This product was designed and developed in Europe and manufactured in China.
For technical support, warranty claims, or further inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or visit the official Lexibook website.
You can also find additional resources, including a downloadable user manual, at the following link:User Manual (PDF)

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