EPILEPSY WARNING
A very small percentage of individuals may experience epileptic seizures when exposed to certain light patterns or flashing lights. Exposure to certain patterns or backgrounds on a television screen or while playing video games may induce an epileptic seizure in these individuals. Certain conditions may induce previously undetected epileptic symptoms even in persons who have no history of prior seizures or epilepsy. If you, or anyone in your family, has an epileptic condition, consult your physician prior to playing. If you experience any of the following while playing a video game — dizziness, altered vision, eye or muscle twitches, loss of awareness, disorientation, any involuntary movement, or convulsions — IMMEDIATELY discontinue use and consult a physician before resuming play.

PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE DURING USE
• This game disc is intended for use exclusively on Windows®-based systems with the minimum configurations specified on the system requirements of the game purchased.
• Do not sit too close to the screen. Sit a good distance away from the monitor, as far away as the length of the cable allows.
• Avoid playing if you are tired or have not had much sleep.
• Make sure that the room in which you are playing is well lit.
• Rest for at least 10 to 15 minutes per hour while playing a video game.

HANDLING YOUR GAME DISC
• Avoid bending the disc. Do not touch, smudge or scratch its surface.
• Do not leave the disc in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
• Take occasional rest breaks during extended play.
• Always store the disc in its protective case.

ESRB RATING
This product has been rated E for Everyone by the Entertainment Software Rating Board. For information about the ESRB rating, or to comment about the appropriateness of the rating, please contact the ESRB at www.esrb.org.

WELCOME!
Congratulations on purchasing the ultimate Sudoku product! This package includes over one million Sudoku puzzles, three distinct game modes, and a host of other unique features.

Sudoku expert Carol Vorderman introduces you to the world of Sudoku; follow her movie tutorials and you, too, can become a Sudoku Master!

This manual provides a selection of Assist hints to help in your puzzle solving, and you can ask Carol for help at any time during the game. Plus, if you've ever been stumped by a Sudoku puzzle, you can enter it into the Sudoku Solver and Carol will reveal the solution for you!
GETTING STARTED

INSTALLING THE GAME
1. Insert the Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku disc (label facing up) into your PC’s CD-ROM drive. After a few seconds the Xplosiv® logo should appear and confirm the operating system you are using.
2. Select Continue to move to the main Xplosiv menu. Select Install to install the game.
   NOTE: If you do not see the Install option, Autorun may be disabled on your computer. If autorun is disabled, double-click My Computer on the Windows desktop. Double-click your CD-ROM drive to view the contents of the disc. Now double-click the file Xplosiv.exe.
3. Select a language for the installation process
4. Follow the onscreen prompts to install Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku.
   NOTE: Adobe® Acrobat® Reader is required for printing puzzles and reading the electronic version of this manual.

UNINSTALLING THE GAME
To uninstall the game software, select Start ⇒ Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku ⇒ Uninstall, or, alternately, select Start ⇒ Control Panel ⇒ Remove Programs ⇒ Remove Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku.

RUNNING THE GAME
With Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku installed on your PC, do one of the following:
• Double-click the Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku icon on your desktop (if you chose this option during installation).
• Select Start ⇒ All Programs ⇒ Eidos ⇒ Play Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku.
• Insert the Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive. If Autorun is enabled, the game will run automatically.
   NOTE: If Autorun is disabled, right-click the CD-ROM drive icon and select Explore, then double-click autorun.exe. Select Play to start the game.

MAIN MENU
When the game loads, the Main Menu will appear. Click on an option to select it:
• LET’S PLAY SUDOKU – Play the game. There are 3 game modes, described below.
• HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU – Learn the game’s interface and controls. You will also find over 30 minutes of videos, featuring Carol Vorderman explaining the intricacies of Sudoku. Carol will give you an introduction and a master class on Sudoku, with tutorials and hints for all levels of players!
• PRINT & PLAY – Print puzzles to play them the old-fashioned way.
• SUDOKU SOLVER – Get Carol’s help solving ANY Sudoku puzzle.
• OPTIONS – Change the Assist settings.
• QUIT – Quit the game and exit back to your desktop.

GAME MODES
You can choose from three game modes:
• CLASSIC – Select the puzzle difficulty and see how you fare against the clock.
• CAREER – There are 7 belts to earn throughout your career, starting with the White Belt Challenge. Each belt involves successfully completing a series of puzzles in a specified time. As you move higher up the belts, the puzzles increase in number and in difficulty, and the time allotted for each puzzle decreases.
• CHALLENGE CAROL – To beat Carol, you must overcome all of the Dan Challenges. Each Dan Challenge consists of a number of puzzles that you must successfully complete in a specified time. Start with the 1st Dan Challenge and work your way up to 4th Dan. As you move up the Dans, puzzle difficulty increases, while the times allotted decreases. To gain the ultimate accolade of Sudoku Master, you must earn your Black Belt AND beat the 4th Dan Challenge. Only then can you claim to have out-Sudoku’d Carol!
ASSISTS

Carol Vorderman’s Sudoku provides numerous Assists to help you solve puzzles. These Assists can be very useful, especially if you are new to Sudoku. Think of Assists as the training wheels on your new bicycle. Try them out!

- **AUTO-HIGHLIGHTS** – This visual highlight helps you focus on the appropriate mini-grid, row and column. You can turn this Assist on permanently from the Options Menu.
- **NUMBER SELECTION HELP** – Number selection buttons are grayed out if they cannot be legally placed in the currently highlighted box. (This Assist is not available in Career or Challenge Carol mode.)
- **RULE-BREAK WARNING** – Boxes are highlighted when any inserted number breaks the rules of Sudoku. (This Assist is not available in Career or Challenge Carol mode.)
- **ERRORS** – Incorrect numbers are highlighted when entered. (This Assist is not available in Career or Challenge Carol mode.)

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**PUZZLE SCREEN**

Game Mode/Difficulty Level

Number Selector

Clock

Highlighted Square

Number Indicator

- **GAME MODE/DIFFICULTY LEVEL** – Shows the game mode you're playing, and its difficulty level.
- **NUMBER SELECTOR** – Use this to select a number to insert into the highlighted square.
- **HIGHLIGHTED SQUARE** – The next number you select will be inserted in the highlighted square.
- **NUMBER INDICATOR** – Shows how many occurrences of each number (1-9) are on the grid. In a correct solution, each number occurs 9 times.
- **CLOCK** – Shows the time elapsed or the time left to complete the puzzle (depending on the game mode).
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