

Dealer4



PC Software updates information 12.10.2014

Note: This Firmware Updates Information is in reverse order - the latest update is listed first

Version 4.70 - published 12.10.2014

- added Display Control function for Dealer4+ machines.
- fixed loading pbn files with DealID tag.
- added availability to set default values for Event Name, Site and Date (in Setup Preferences)
- lowered guard time for Board Switch to 0.5s (eliminates a problem when the Board Switch does not trigger when boards are switched too fast.

Version 4.60 – published 25.05.2014

- redesigned printing function:
 - added 20 and 24 boards per page formats for Hands Record.
 - added possibility of printing Pictures on the Hands Record for logo or advertising.
 - added page layout preview.
 - added 1, 3 and 4 Score Cards per page formats.
 - added selectable number of lines for Score Cards.
- added Slow Dealing parameter for Maintenance.
- added possibility to lock dealing settings on the Deal screen to prevent accidental change by operator.
- mark when boardset file was changed and not saved (by star on the end of file name)

Version 4.54 – published 27.08.2013

- fixed a bug which set Max Symbol Y and Max Suit Y parameters to 0 if the AutoSetup function failed or was cancelled.

Version 4.52 – published 11.07.2013

- updated AutoSetup functions to change parameters (Max Symbol Y and Max Symbol Y) which are required for new Baron Barclay All-Plastic cards. After update AutoSetup must be performed to use new cards.

Version 4.50 – published 17.02.2013

- added Big Deal for board generation.
- changed NS to EW Score in Score Cards printing
- eliminated double empty lines in PBN format.
- added dealing subset of the current Board Set.
- added Auto Setup, Test Deal, Calibrate Board Switch and more to the Maintenance screen.
- added Swedish card recognition
- added CSV file format

Version 4.42 – published 07.07.2012

- fixed error 482 which may occur during printing of a large number of hand records
- added Optimum Results Table to the PBN format
- ignored some BRI format errors, allowing the reading of non standard files in this format.

Version 4.40 – published 01.04.2012

Major release with many changes and improvements:

- 1. New installation package
- it is no longer required to start setup using "Run as Administrator" command for Windows 7 and Windows Vista.
- USB drivers are installed / updated together with the software.
- .adc file types are registered in the system so clicking or opening this file type will automatically open the Dealer4 software and update the firmware (if the machine is connected to the computer).
- Installation is fully compatible with Windows XP, Vista, 7 32 and 64 bit
- the previous version of the software is automatically removed during the installation process.
- 2. Added Deep Finesse and Bo Haglund analyzers of makeable contracts.
- Analysis can be also started from the Main Menu to do all boards or from "Edit" to do a particular board.
- Analysis results can be seen in Edit or Deal screens, printed or saved in .pbn file format.
- 3. Added possibility of dealing multiple copies of the some board.
- To prevent accidental use it is required to enable this function in "Setup-Preferences" first. Number of copies has to be set in the "Setup-Preferences" menu too.
- 4. Added Small Card Index option
- this option requires firmware version 2.66 or later.
- it should only be used for specific cards usually it is necessary to carefully setup the other recognition parameters. The user should send a picture of the cards to a service centre and get advice for the correct

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setup.

5. Command line invoke

- software can be started from a command line e.g. C:\Program Files\Dealer4\dealer4.exe
- as parameter file name can be used for example:

C:\Program Files\Dealer4\dealer4.exe "c:\today_bridge.pbn" when the program is started it will automatically load this file.

- if firmware file (.adc) is used as a parameter program will automatically go to "Maintenance" and update firmware (if machine is connected).
- above allows use of "Open with" command to start software and automatically load desired file.

6. Print function improvements:

- redesign visual appearance for printing,
- added printing in color, national letters, option for printing ten as T or 10
- print boardset statistics
- print makeable contracts (analyze) and HCP
- print to the txt file
- 7. Added Setup-Preferences to set some defaults values and actions.
- 8. Few fixed in the PBN format:
- added recognizing of ## tag.
- added the possibility to use lower case letters for some tags.
- added saving and loading of makeable contracts analysis

9. Add logging

- During use the Dealer4 program will record all actions in a log file
- log file is named Log_2011_12.txt 2011 is current year, 12 is current month. It is separate log file for each month.
- log files are stored in C:\Dealer4 Data directory created during program installations.
- log files can be used to track operator actions or mistakes and also as additional information for troubleshooting

10. Added service file creation

- In "Maintenance there is a new button called "Create Service File"
- Service file is text file with all the information from the "Maintenance" screen.
- The file is created in C:\Dealer4_Data directory. File name is Service_file_4651_2011_12_15_8.txt. where: 4651 is serial number of the machine, 2011_12_15 is current date, 8 is number of file created.
- The file should be attached to an email and sent to service@dealer4.com (new email address specially set up for this purpose).
- Creating and sending service file replaces capturing of "Maintenance" screen it will be easier for the

user and provide much more useful information.

11. Added possibility to use Board Number Bar-coded Label as Board Switch

Version 4.34 – published 13.11.2009

- Fixed problem with selecting "Check Board Number" and "Large Indexed Card" function.

Version 4.32 – published 05.10.2009

- Some minor corrections
- Fixed lost communication problem when selecting "no" after deal last board of the set
- this option is for boards which are too transparent which causes the Board Switch to not work properly. Requires Bar-coded Label to be attached to the board. This works indecently of the Board Number Check.
- required firmware version 2.70 or later

Version 4.30 – published 06.05.2009

- More diagnostic for USB port connection

Version 4.28 – published 01.03.2009

- Added Board Number Reader support
- Added Jumbo Card reading
- Correction in DUP files save function

Version 4.24 – published 22.11.2008

- Fixed "Run Time Error" which happened when loading the same file for the second time and the file name is longer then 8 characters.

Version 4.22 – published 07.08.2008

- Added Danish cards.
- Allows reading PBN files which do not exactly follow the standard.
- Fixed a bug with reading BRE format.

Version 4.20 – published 06.06.2008

This new version of PC software has many improvements and changes compared to previous version 4.15. Most important changes are:

- First board number in the set can be any number.
- Card read function is added.
- More control during boards generation
- Change display method during dealing current dealt board is displayed.
- Added National cards (French, Dutch, German).

For more information please refer to Dealer4 Software User Manual.