### 06-1996 [O-1901] Novag - Chess Wizard IQ IV

This rare IQ IV is a pure Novag creation, produced by Mitco Industries Ltd., Hongkong. The IQ IV has a nice board size, with a playing field of 22.4 x 22.4 cm, as opposed to most plastic computers having 20 x 20 cm or less. Given the specifications and playing levels the program should be closely related to the **Novag Opal II** and the **Novag Agate**, which are also released in 1996. The playing strength given on the box is 1880 USCF elo, but that seems fairly exaggerated. There are quite a number of computers with a 16 KB program from Kittinger, and the estimates of their playing strength vary between 1350 and 1500 DWZ/ELO. Maybe someone should start a project to determine clones and playing strength of all those machines!

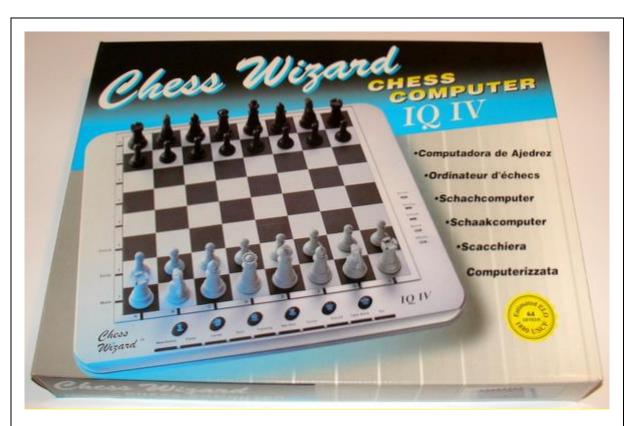


# **Novag Chess Wizard IQ IV**

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### **Info by manufacturer:**

- The reliable and modem table-top chess computer with easy to operate Sensor Technology makes it a joy to play.
- Strong new 16K program working with 8 MHz system clock speed.
- Choose between 64 playing levels including tournament levels and levels to solve chess problems up to mate-in-6 moves.
- Extensive opening book containing more than 8500 half moves and fascinating rniddle and endgame strategies.
- Programmed in accordance with the International Chess Rules, knows en-passant moves, castlings and prawn promotion.
- Check, Stalemate and Mate announcement.
- Very fast response time.
- Plays against itself.
- Take back function for easy correction of weak or wrong moves (25 half moves).
- Saves game position in memory when switched off.
- With hint key and training function which are great tutoring features.
- Position verification and position set-up for problem solving.
- Choice of colour to play, change of colour possible also during the game.
- 100 hours of challenging chess from 6 x AA alkaline batteries or optional mains adaptor.



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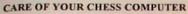






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Dirt or dust can be removed with a soft cloth. Do not use chemical solvents or water on the set. Any damage caused by their use invalidates the warranty. Always keep the computer in a dry and cool place (normal room temperature). Avoid exposing the computer to heat, e.g. spot lights, radiators, sunshine, etc. as this may lead to permanent damage caused by overheating, which is not covered by the warranty.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Program Size CPU clock speed

Power Consumption

Power supply

Conductive Rubber Keyboard

Move entry via

Extra Error LED

Elegant board

Levels

Take Back

Set Up and Verify mode

Opening book size

Solve mate in

Hint and Training function

16 KByte ROM, 768 Byte RAM

8 MHz

130 mW max

6 x 1.5V UM-3 type (or AA size) alkaline

batteries or adaptor Art.No.8210. 16 Keys

Sensor chessboard

282 x 298 x 25 mm

64

25 half moves

8500 moves

All data subject to change without notice.

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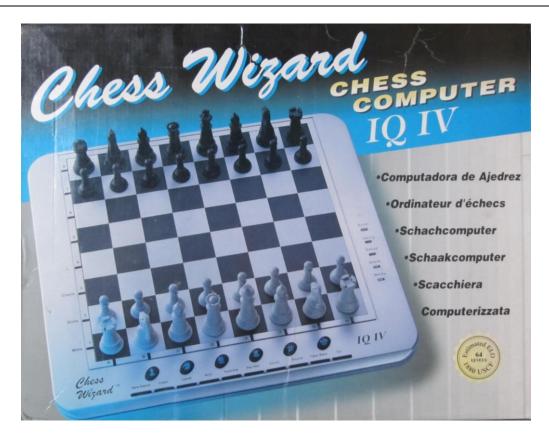
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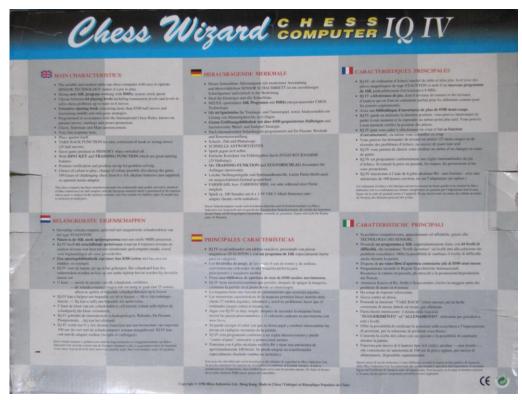


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### **Programmer**

· David Kittinger

#### Release

• First introduction: Juni (?) 1996

• Price: € 49,95

#### **Technical information**

• Program size: 16 KB ROM, 768 byte RAM

• CPU: 8 bit, single chip

• Clock speed: 8 MHz

• Power supply: 6 x 1.5 UM-3 type (or AA size) batteries or adaptor Art.No.8210 (9V, 300mA, Negative center)

• Operation: via 16 Keys

• Move entry: via Sensor chessboard

• Move output: via 16 rank and file LEDs

Board size: 28.2 x 29.8 x 2.5 cmPlaying field: 22.4 x 22.4 cm

Field square: 2.8 cmKing's height: 4.8 cm

Material: plasticWeight: 1.300 kg

• Levels: 64

• Take back: 25 half moves (ply)

• Opening book size: 8500 half moves (ply)

• Solve mate in: max. 6 moves

• Set Up and Verify mode

#### **Miscellaneous**

• Teaching, Coaching, Handicap-levels, Long term memory

Playing strength (DWZ/ELO): ca. 1400

Related (Strong: also 16 KB program, 768 byte RAM and 64 levels)

- Novag Agate (release 1996)
- Novag Opal II (release 1996)

Related (Less strong: also 16 KB program, 768 byte RAM and 128 levels)

- Excalibur Mentor (release 2000)
- Novag Agate Plus (release 1997)
- Novag Carnelian (release 2004)
- Novag Carnelian II (release 2005)
- Novag Opal Plus (release 1997)
- Novag Quartz (release 2000)
- Novag Star Opal (release 2005)

Related (Loosely: also 16 KB program, 256 byte RAM, 48 levels and permanent brain)

- Novag Amigo (release 1989)
- Novag Mentor 16 (release 1989)

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