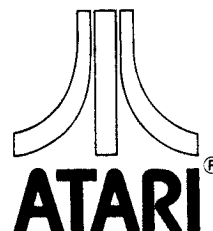


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Dear Distributor:

To minimize any potential confusion on the part of your operators or players; the attached sheet fully explains the player rating or Skill-Step™ feature of your new Tempest™ game.

The key point to remember:

Players cannot play higher levels until they successfully complete low levels of play.

Please pass on this information as necessary.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred McCord', written over a horizontal line.

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I. Player rating mode

1. Occurs at beginning of every game.
2. Player is given 10 seconds to choose his starting level.
3. Player may choose from those levels displayed at bottom of screen.
4. Player chooses level by:
 - a. spinning knob until white box surrounds desired level and then
 - b. pressing fire or superzapper (or start 1 or start 2 if remaining time is less than 8 seconds), or by waiting until timer expires.
5. Player is given a 3 second warning.
6. Level choices are determined by several factors.
 - a. If the game has been idle for 1 or more attract mode cycles since the last game, then the choices are levels 1,3,5,7,9.
 - b. If a player has just finished a game and pressed start before the attract mode has finished its play mode, then the choices depend on the highest level reached in that previous game as follows:

<u>Highest level reached in last game</u>	<u>Level choices this game</u>
1 through 11	1,3,5,7,9
12 or 13	1,3,5,7,9,11
14 or 15	1,3,5,7,9,11,13
16 or 17	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15
18,19, or 20	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17
21 or 22	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20
23 or 24	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22
25 or 26	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24
27 or 28	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26
29,30, or 31	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28
32 or 33	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31
34,35, or 36	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33
37,38,39,40	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36
41,42,43,44	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40
45,46, or 47	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44
48 or 49	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47
50,51, or 52	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49
53,54,55,56	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52
57,58,59,60	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56
61,62, or 63	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56,60
64 or 65	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56,60,63
66 through 73	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56,60,63,65
74 through 81	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56,60,63,65,73
82 through 99	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,20,22,24,26,28,31,33,36,40,44,47,49,52,56,60,63,65,73,81