

Jacks or Better 40-20-9-6-5 — large print, front

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HOLD ORDER · HIGH CARD MEANS J Q K A



CHECK THE GLASS FIRST these nine numbers must match your machine

RF	SF	4K	FH	FL	ST	3K	2P	JJ+
800	40	20	9	6	5	3	2	1

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READ DOWN. HOLD THE FIRST LINE YOUR FIVE CARDS MAKE.		HOLD
1	Royal flush	5
2	Straight flush	5
3	Four of a kind	4
4	4 to a royal flush	4
5	Full house	5
6	Flush	5
7	Straight	5
8	Three of a kind	3
9	4 to a straight flush open, 0–2 high cards	4
10	Two pair	4
11	4 to a straight flush inside, 0–3 high cards	4
12	High pair (JJ–AA)	2
13	3 to a royal flush	3
14	4 to a flush 0–2 high cards	4
15	4 to a straight open	4
16	Low pair (22–TT)	2
17	3 to a straight flush 3 ways, 2 high, 4 ways, 1 high	3
18	4 to a straight inside, 4 high cards	4
19	3 to a straight flush 2 ways, 2 high, 3 ways, 1 high	3
20	4 to a straight inside, 3 high cards	4
21	3 to a straight flush completes 4 ways, no high cards	3
22	2 to a royal flush except J-T, Q-T, K-T, A-T	2
23	4 to a straight inside, 2 high cards	4
24	K-Q-J unsuited	3
25	3 to a straight flush 2 ways, 1 high, 3 ways, 0 high	3
26	2 unsuited high cards Q-J, K-Q	2
27	2 to a royal: J-T	2
28	K-J unsuited	2
29	4 to a straight inside, 1 high card	4
30	2 unsuited high cards A-J, A-K	2
31	One high card: J	1
32	2 to a royal: Q-T	2
33	A-Q unsuited	2
34	One high card Q, A	1
35	2 to a royal: K-T	2
36	One high card: K	1
37	3 to a straight flush completes 2 ways, no high cards	3
38	4 to a straight inside, no high cards	4
39	Nothing above — draw five	—

This card returns 99.5544%

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Perfect play 99.5599% · gives up 0.0056 points

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Four steps

1. Check the nine payouts on the machine against the front of this card. A multi-denomination machine can change payable when you change the denomination.
2. Bet five coins. Every return here assumes it; fewer cuts the royal to a fifth and costs about 1.4% of everything you put in.
3. Go down the front from line 1. Stop at the first line your five cards can make, hold exactly those, and draw.
4. If a line fits two ways, take the one with more high cards; if that ties, the lower cards. Q-J makes more straights than A-K.

The two terms

High card means J, Q, K or A — the ranks that pay when they pair up.

Completes N ways counts the ranks that finish a straight. Two ways is open at both ends: 4-5-6-7 takes a 3 or an 8. One way is a gutshot, and so is A-K-Q-J.

What this card is worth

Followed exactly, this card returns 99.5544% of everything you bet on 40-20-9-6-5, against 99.5599% for perfect play. It gives up 0.0056 points — one five-coin bet every 17,895 hands, or 4.2 cents an hour at quarters and 600 hands an hour.

No exceptions and no footnotes: a line earned its place or it is not here, which is why that is one number and not a range. Measured, not simulated, over all 2,598,960 deals against a solved table of every Jacks or Better hand.

Never hold these

- 3 to a flush

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