

The Magic Rating System

No More Wrong Turns

Think of it as a series of road signs throughout the world of **Magic: The Gathering**®. To eliminate the confusion over which **Magic** cards are appropriate for which players, we've developed a new ratings system. New products are rated for the levels of strategy they represent, making it easy for players to find the right cards, whatever their experience level. While we know that this won't impact experienced **Magic** players, we hope that this system will help more new players into the game.

The **Magic** rating system is comprised of three levels.



Starter-level products are recommended for new players. All releases from *Magic: The Gathering--Starter, Portal, and Portal Second Age*--including preconstructed decks, booster packs, and a gift box--are examples of starter products.



Advanced-level products are recommended for players who want more game options, and include all versions of the base **Magic: The Gathering** game, such as *Classic Sixth Edition*, and the previous *Fourth and Fifth Edition*, as well as future editions.



Expert-level products are recommended for experienced players who want to explore the highest level of strategy available. Most **Magic** expansions past, present, and future fall into this category: *Ice Age, Mirage, Visions, Tempest, Urza's Saga* and *Nemesis* are all examples of Expert-level expansions.

Beginning with the release of the *Fifth Edition* trading card game for two players, the rating system has appeared on all packaging. All three rating logos will appear with the appropriate one highlighted by size. For example, on the rating window for *Starter* products, the starter-level logo will be largest; for the *Classic Sixth Edition* trading card game, the advanced-level logo will stand out; and for *Nemesis*, the expert-level logo will be called out.

The rating system is intended to end the frustration of new players trying to make sense of a complex product system. With the **Magic** rating system, players can be assured of purchasing the right product for their level of experience, every time.

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