SPECIAL SERVICE BULLETIN.

GAME: DONKEY KONG
SUBJECT: LONG GAME PLAY TIME.

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Some operators have reported an extremely long game play time on Donkey Kong for the better players. To remedy this we have introduced a speed up kit which eliminates the primary strategy utilized by this level of player. The change can be summarized as follows:

Presently if a player climbs to the top of a ladder [on the first board configuration] the barrels will not come down the ladder, thus providing a "safe" place to wait. The speed up kit eliminates this playing strategy as at all times the barrels come down the ladders 70 to 80 percent of the time, thus removing this "safe" position.

We have found this change significantly decreases the "better" players game time while not affecting the "novice" players.

Based on our test results revenues have increased an average of 20 percent after installation of the speed up kits, the kits which consist of four EPROMS are presently available from our parts dept at a cost of 125.00 per kit. Newer machines will have the speed up kits installed in the game at our factory. These machines begin with serial numbers 30,000.

The "TKG -4," type also have a new P.C. Board configuration. The new configuration consists of 2 P.C. Boards instead of the current 4 P.C. Board configuration. We feel this change will greatly increase the serviceability of the machine.

If you have any problems please feel free to contact me at 887-9403 Jeff.

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