



Sputnik double

This is a conventional bid for Responder after a 1♦ or 1♥ overcall by Opp

With 5-6HCP and 4 or 5 cards in a major - you have to bid!

- Responder bids a suit one ranked higher than that of the overcalled suit it promises 5 cards in that suit.
- With 4 cards in the suit ranked one level higher, Responder bids X
- Bidding the suit ranked above (ex. Spades after a diamond overcall) is ambiguous : Responder can have 4 or 5 cards.

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♦
X			



Problem E5628 X After a 1♦ overcall, double promises exactly 4 ♥ cards.

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♦
1♥			



Problem E5629 1♥ After a 1♦ overcall, bidding 1♥ promises exactly 5 cards (suit ranked one level higher than that of overcalled suit)



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Negative Double Consequences

- If Responder's bid suit isn't one just ranked above Overcaller's suit, Opener doesn't know if Responder has 4 or 5 cards.
- After a diamond overcall, Responder's X promises 4 ♥ cards. Of course, you can't use the X to bid 4 ♠ cards.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♣	1 ♦
1 ♠			

A ♠	10 ♠	7 ♠	4 ♠	7 ♥	5 ♥	4 ♥	J ♣	8 ♣	3 ♣	Q ♦	9 ♦	5 ♦
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Problem E5664 1 ♠ After a 1 ♦ bid, a 1 ♠ bid is ambiguous : Responder has 4 or 5 ♠ cards. (suit isn't ranked one level above overcalled suit)

S	W	N	E
		1 ♣	1 ♥
1 ♠			

J ♠	10 ♠	8 ♠	6 ♠	4 ♠	A ♥	4 ♥	2 ♥	8 ♣	3 ♣	A ♦	J ♦	9 ♦
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Problem E5662 1 ♠ After a 1 ♥ overcall, a 1 ♠ bid promises at least 5 cards (suit ranked just one level above overcalled suit)



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Responder's follow on bids after X on a 1♦ overcall

On the following bidding round, Responder can describe his hand :

- after doubling, if he bids the suit which is ranked one level higher than overcalled suit, he promises 4 cards in the other major (♠) and a hand with no Game ambition. He can't have 5♥ cards, otherwise he would have bid them in the 1st round!
- If he bids the other major in the next round, it means he also has 4♠ cards and a hand to go for Game

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♦
X	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠			

A	Q	9	4	A	K	8	6	7	6	5	8	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Exercise 20223 2♠ shows 4 cards and 4 cards ♥ in a game forcing hand (12HCP or more ...)

A	Q	6	5	Q	8	6	A	J	3	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1♣	1♦
X	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	

K	10	8	3	A	J	9	7	8	7	5	10	9
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E20224 after doubling the 1♦ overcall, 2♥ shows 4♥ cards and 4♠ cards in a hand with no Game ambition.