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Breaker Blocks is a 10 -minute, two-player game of circuit building and sabotage. Control more circuits than your opponent and try to end the game while you're winning.

## SETUP

- Remove all of the tiles from the bag and set aside the circuit core.

- Sort the tiles by color, face up. Each player takes a color and the black tiles go between them.
- Set aside the 0 Power tiles of your color. This is your starting hand. Everything else is the "pile."



## VICTORY

The goal of the game is to control more circuits than your opponent when the game is over. You accomplish this by feeding power into those circuits through the use of your colored, numbered tiles. You control a circuit when you are feeding more power into it than your opponent.


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## VICTORY CONTINUED

The game is over once the second AUTHENTICATE tile is played, regardless of who played it or where it was played. The game ends immediately and the player controlling the most circuits wins.

Note that total power is unimportant; it only matters that you have more power than your opponent in any given circuit.


There are other, rare ways the game can end. See the FAQ for details.


## Player One

In this example, Player One is winning circuits I and II and Player Two is uinning Circuit III. If the game ended right now, Player one would be victorious.

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## TURNS

On each turn, you get two actions that you can spend however you'd like. There are three ways to use each of those actions:

## DRAW

Pick any tile from your color pile or the shared action pile and draw it into your hand, which is kept face-up in front of you. You cannot have more than one copy of the same action type in your hand at a time, though there are no restrictions on power tiles.

## PLAY

Pick a tile from your hand and plug it into one of your circuits. Think of your circuits like trees; your roots must start in your inputs, but your branches can grow anywhere from there.

Note that you cannot DRAW and PLAY the same tile in the same turn. This is very important.

All action tiles activate their special abilities the moment they are played, too. More on this later.


## Player One

## You can see here that Player One is able to build off OF THEIR OWN CIRCUITS BUT NOT THEIR OPPONENTS.

Note that the dotted line separates the two halves of the board. Each player gets one circuit where they have two inputs.

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## REARRANGE

Pick one of your tiles (a power tile or an action tile you played) that has no other tiles plugged into it, pick it up, and put it somewhere else that you're allowed to play it. This is useful to change the shape of the board, but it's also a handy trick for moving power to where you need it most.

Action tiles are not reactivated when rearranged. Note that the AUTHENTICATE tile is special and cannot be rearranged.


Player One

ITS Easy to forget that you can rearrange TILES, SO REMEMBER THAT THIS CAN SOMETIMES BE A POWERFUL TECHNIQUE.

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## TILE TYPES

Tiles are divided into two fundamental types:
POWER tiles and ACTION tiles.

## POWER BLOCKS

Power tiles are color tiles with a power value on them that feed power into the circuit they're plugged into. All of the power tiles in a given add up together to determine who controls that circuit, making them the foundation for victory.

Pay attention when drawing power tiles; not all tiles are created equal.


## ACTION BLOCKS

Action tiles are neutral tiles that do not add to, subtract from, or interrupt the flow of power. Instead, they each have special abilities that activate when PLAY them.

- They can be drawn by either player, but become "yours" when plugged into one of your circuits and allow you to PLAY more tiles into it later.
- The ability on an action tile costs nothing to activate; it uses its ability when you PLAY it.
- Players cannot have more than one copy of the same action type in their hand at a time.
- Action tiles cannot target themselves or copy themselves (e.g. ACCELERATE cannot be used to draw another ACCELERATE). For their first game, players should use the ACCELERATE, ANNIHILATE, AGITATE, and AUTHENTICATE tiles, removing the others from the game. The real strategy of Breaker Blocks comes from playing with all seven action tiles, however.


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## THE DIFFERENTACTION BLOCKS

 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

## AUTHENTICATE (End Game)

On its own, AUTHENTICATE does nothing, but the game is immediately over once the second AUTHENTICATE is played regardless of who played it or where it was played. This tile is also locked once it is added to the board, so it cannot be rearranged or targeted by action tiles in any way.

You may only PLAY one AUTHENTICATE tile per turn, regardless of how it is played.
Create a momentary advantage and end it while youre vinning.


## AUTOMATE (Wildcard)

PLAY one tile directly from the pile. May target actions or your color power tiles.
TAKE YOUR OPPONENT BY SURPRISE.


## ATTENUATE (Remove Two)

Target one tile on each side of the board with nothing plugged into it and send those tiles back to their respective piles.
TRICKY. EASILY UNDERESTIMATED.

## AGGRAVATE (Mass Discard)

Pick one tile in your hand and one tile in your opponent's hand, then send all other tiles in both hands back to their respective piles.
ANTI-HOARDING, SELF-DESTRUCTIVE, AGGRAVATING.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What happens if I run out of power tiles?
A: If you can no longer DRAW or PLAY any power tiles, your opponent gets one more turn and then the game ends.

Q: What if there's nowhere else for me to PLAY a tile?
A: In this exceptionally rare situation, your opponent wins. Sorry.
Q: What happens if there's a tie when the game is over?
A: The circuit core overloads and you both lose. In tournament play, follow house rules for a draw.

Q: Is there any significance to the numbers on the circuit core?
A: No, they could be any set of readable symbols.
Q: Should tiles in the pile be face-up or face-down?
A: Face-up. There is no secret information or randomness in Breaker Blocks.
Q: What if an action tile is played and can't do anything? For example, what if the only tile to send back with an Attenuate tile is an Attenuate tile?
A: It fizzles and does nothing, but is still added to the board.
You probably shouldn't play it if this is going to happen.

## glossary

## ACTION

One of the things you can spend to DRAW, PLAY, or REARRANGE. You get two per turn. and may spend them in any combination you want to.

## BOARD

The collection of all tiles that have been plugged in to the circuit core or added to those circuits.

## DRAW

The act of spending an action to add a tile from one of the piles into your hand.

## HAND

The group of tiles drawn by players, waiting to be played.

## PILE

The group of all tiles yet to be drawn by a player. There is a pile for each color and a pile for action tiles.

## PLAY

The act of spending an action to add a tile from your hand to one of your circuits.

## REARRANGE

The act of spending an action to pick up one of your tiles and move it somewhere else you're allowed to play it.


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