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This is a list in GBR order of existing 6-man endgame tables (EGTs) created by Nalimov (DTM, Distance to Mate) or Thompson (DTC, Distance to Conversion). An * indicates a past result by Stiller only. max ww denotes the maximum depth of wtm 1-0 positions in the endgame; max bl denotes the maximum depth of btm 1-0 positions. max ww and max bl are listed for both the DTM and DTC metrics.

Note the counter-intuitive relative values of DTM's max ww and max bl where these are in italics and the GBR code is marked * with a Parenthesis. It is not always true that bl = ww or ww-1 as for DTC: these figures may not correspond to consecutive positions.

For example, 1100 has DTM max ww = 6 but Qa1 Qe6 Rf7 / Ke5 b7 sets DTM max bl = 16: 1...Kxe6 [0100]. The first move converts to a maximal subgame position, always the case where the DTM figures are highlighted here.

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