

## STEP RESPONSES TO GRAND SLAM FORCE 5NT

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**Question** Replying to Grand Salam Force can one show the number of cards held in the suit along with the number of top three honors held?  
What would be the scheme of things?

### Sridhar's views :

Yes, it is advantageous to incorporate extra trump length in responses to the 5NT enquiry ; it will , however depend on the trump suit as the no of steps available for responder to describe without crossing the 6 level safety , vary with the choice of trump suit. A possible solution could be :

1. Spades are trumps –  
6C = 0 honor and No extra length ;  
6D = 0 honor with extra length ;  
6H = 1 honor with no extra length  
6S = 1 honor with extra length .  
7S = 2 honors
2. Hearts are trumps ---  
6C = 0 honor with or without extra length  
6D = 1 honor with no extra length  
6H = 1 honor with extra length  
7H = 2 honors
3. Diamonds are trumps -  
6C = 0 honor  
6D = 1 honor.  
7 D = 2 honors  
Extra length cannot be shown here.
4. Clubs are trumps -----  
6C = denies 2 honors  
7C = 2 honors.  
Extra length cannot be shown here .