

# Showdown-Value

[Showdown value](#) means that there is a solid chance to win the pot at [showdown](#).

Usually a made hand is required to have [showdown value](#), but depending on the situation even Ace high can have thin [showdown value](#). In other cases even a single pair has no to little [showdown value](#). The [relative handstrength](#) of a holding in relation to the [handrange](#) of the opponent, the betting history of the hand and the community board texture decide on how much [showdown value](#) a hand has.

In some cases a hand has enough [showdown value](#) to [call](#) a [bet](#), but is not strong enough to valuebet on their own. This is a classical [bluffcatching](#) situation or potcontrolling situation, where the [EV](#) of the hand stems from reaching the [showdown](#) as cheap as possible while keeping the opponents [range](#) as wide as possible to retain a lot of [showdown value](#).

Example:

NLH1000

SB Steve \$1000  
[BB](#) Martin \$1000

Steve posts the [small blind](#) \$5  
Martin posts the [big blind](#) \$10

Steve has 

Steve raises to \$30  
Martin calls \$20

Pot: 60

Flop is 

Martin checks  
Steve bets \$30  
Martin calls \$30

*Notice how Steve has 9 high, absolutely no [showdown value](#) whatsoever, but he flopped a [backdoor](#) flush and straight draw and has some [foldequity](#) versus better hand that might already [fold](#) to a [bet](#). He decides to continuation [bet](#)*

Pot: \$120 Turn is 

Martin checks  
Steve checks


*Steve improves to a pair of nines, but cannot really [bet](#) for value due to the board already showing two overcards and him cbetting the flop has narrowed his opponents [range](#) already towards value combos and bluffcatchers. But his pair of nines still has some [showdown value](#) against some lower pocket pairs and draws*

Pot: \$120 River is 

Martin bets \$65  
Steve calls \$65

Steve has a decision to make if he thinks he has enough [showdown value](#) to win the pot often enough against Martin's [bet](#). He decides on calling after thinking a lot about what bluffs his opponent could have!

Martin shows  , ace high queen [kicker](#)

Steve shows  , a pair of nines ace [kicker](#)

Steve wins the pot \$250

*His opponent actually had a busted [gutshot](#) he decided to [bluff](#) at the river. Steve is still unsure though about his river [call](#). At least he saw the [showdown](#) with his hand and in this case got his [showdown value](#)!*