

How the Games Work

Slot Machines

Keep it fun.

Learn how the games work before you play.

Slot machines operate randomly. There is a Random Number Generator (RNG) inside each machine, which cycles through millions of numbers continuously. The outcome of a spin is automatically determined by the RNG when you hit the spin button. That means it's impossible to predict whether you'll win – or lose.

Some machines allow you to stop the spinning reels early. That makes no difference. It has no impact on the outcome of the spin – there is nothing you can do to control where the reel stops.

Some slot machines might offer you bonus games. The player can influence the bonus prize amount by interacting with an arcade-style video game. While skill appears to play a factor in the outcome of the bonus prize, it's actually all down to chance. No matter what a player's perceived skill level is, the RNG inside each machine determines the outcome: whether a player wins the opportunity to play the bonus game, plus the pre-determined maximum amount available to be won during the bonus game.

The different machines

There are differences between slot machines. Think about this: just because the \$.05 game with a recognizable brand may look a little more fun...it just might be more expensive to play than a higher denomination machine.

It's important to know that slot machines are designed for different gaming experiences. For example: a game that may allow you to play for longer and maximizes your time at the casino is very different from a game designed for someone who enjoys a quicker, more aggressive experience when playing. Find out which type of game you're sitting down to play so that it gives you the gaming experience you're looking for.

How to play

All casinos offer coinless slot machines. Bill acceptors take \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 bills. To play the machines, insert the bill into the bill acceptor.

You can then select how many lines, and how many credits per line, you wish to bet. Some slot machines have one credit value, and others offer a selection. By pressing the *Bet One* button, you'll wager one credit. By pressing the *Max Bet*, you'll bet the maximum allowed on that machine for each game.

Pull down and release the arm on the side of the slot – or press the *Spin* button. All slot machines display the number of credits won based on the results of the reel spin.

When you're ready to cash out, press the *Cash Out* button and you'll receive a ticket that can be redeemed at the cashier, Ticket Redemption machine, or can be inserted into another slot machine. Tickets are valid for 120 days at the casino.

The House Advantage

The 'house advantage' means that slots on average keep about 8% of all the wagers played on the entire life of the machine. So the machines always win in the long run. Your chances of winning depend on the game you choose, what denominations you select, or how many credits you decide to bet.

Slot machines are entertainment, and just like dinner and a movie, you should expect to pay for the entertainment. When your entertainment money is spent, it's time to call it a day.

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if you lose consider it the cost of entertainment.**

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