

Special features

Multiplier

Symbols which carry the capacity to multiply potential winnings by a predetermined figure.

Wild Symbols

Symbols that have the power to substitute for all other symbols that can complete winning paylines that otherwise wouldn't result in a win.

Cascading Reels

When a symbol is part of a winning combination, the player is paid out before the winning symbols disappear from the screen, allowing new symbols to drop into their place.

Stacked Reel Symbol

(AKA expanding wilds) a stacked reel has identical symbols which fall vertically and covers all stops on a particular reel. While this feature increases volatility, it can also allow for large multiline wins.

THE MACHINE I JUST LEFT PAID OUT A JACKPOT. IF I STAYED, WOULD I HAVE won?

Probably not. A slot machine uses a Random Number Generator (RNG) which continuously cycles through numbers, approximately 1,000 different results every second. If you had continued to play, it's highly unlikely you would have had the same result as the player who followed you.

I'VE BEEN PLAYING FOR A WHILE. I MUST BE DUE FOR A WIN, right?

With slots, persistence doesn't pay off. Your last play has no impact on what happens on your next play, so playing more doesn't mean you'll win more. Over time, the house always wins.



Money Spent

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

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This game guide is meant as an introduction.
The official rules are available at:
massgaming.com/regulations/mgcregulations

The GameSense Guide to SLOTS



Get the reel deal on how slots work.



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Let's play

- 1 Choose a machine denomination within your budget. Remember: Location of the machine and the game's reputation have no bearing on whether you will win or lose.
- 2 Use the buttons to access pay tables and information about the game.
- 3 Insert your money, which the machine tracks as "credits".
- 4 Choose number of lines as well as the number of credits, which you can use to calculate your average cost per spin.
- 5 Watch the reels spin and hope to win.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Denomination of Machine} \\ \times \text{ Number of Credits} \\ \times \text{ Number of Lines} \\ \hline = \text{ Average Cost of Spin} \end{array}$$

CAN I MAKE SOME MONEY IF I HIT, the slots?

While you hope to win, don't expect to get your money back. You pay-to-play. The odds are always in the slot machine's favor.

Set a money, time or even win budget.



Take frequent breaks.

Only play with money you can afford to lose.



Inside info



Volatility

Volatility refers to how risky a slot machine is to play. A low volatility machine offers a lower risk with a potential lower reward while a high volatility machine offers a higher risk with a higher potential reward.

Randomness

Every slot machine contains a random number generator, which ensure that every spin is completely random and independent of previous spins. For this reason, a slot machine is never "due" for a win.

Payback Percentage

The amount a slot machine is programmed to payback to players over the entire lifetime of a machine. These percentages typically fall between 80-95%.

Near Miss

A near miss occurs when winning symbols appear extremely close to a winning payline, but are not a part of the winning payline (resulting in a loss).

False Win

A false win occurs when the amount won on a spin is less than the amount wagered.



Types of slots

Single and Multiline Slots

Lines, also known as paylines, refer to the specific combination of symbols which need to hit in order to win. While early slot machines only had a single payline, multiline slots offer many more. Just remember, the more lines you play, the more you pay!

Video Slots

Video slots dominate the modern gaming floor. They utilize computer software to represent the traditional reels spinning and the symbols lining up. Volatility depends on the type of game offered.

Progressive Slots

Progressive slots are linked to other machines (either locally or nationally) in order to feed into a larger jackpot. While more linked machines equal a lower chance of winning, they offer a larger jackpot.