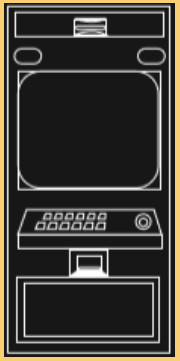
Types of Slot Machines

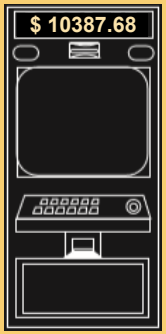
Mechanical Reel

Slot Machines with actual physical reels which spin when the game is played.



Video

Video slot machines use virtual reels (non-physical) displayed on the screen of the machine. Detailed graphics can be displayed on video slot machines.



Progressive

Progressive slot machines can be video or mechanical. They are usually recognized by a large jackpot amount displayed on or near the machine. A percentage of money wagered is added to the available jackpot amount.

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Casinos by Location

All Casinos designated by a

St. Jo Frontier Casino
777 Winners Circle
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Ameristar Casino
3200 N.E. Ameristar Drive
Kansas City, MO 64161

Harrah's Casino
One Riverboat Drive
North Kansas City, MO 64116

Argosy Casino
777 N.W. Argosy Parkway
Riverside, MO 64150

Isle of Capri Kansas City 1800
E. Front Street
Kansas City, MO 64120

Isle of Capri Boonville
100 Isle of Capri Blvd
Boonville, MO 65233

Mark Twain Casino
104 Pierce Street
LaGrange, MO 63448

Ameristar Casino
One Ameristar Blvd
St. Charles, MO 63301

River City Casino
777 River City Casino Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63125

Hollywood Casino
777 Casino Center Drive
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Lumiere Place
999 N. 2nd Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

Isle of Capri Cape Girardeau
777 N. Main Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Lady Luck Casino
777 E. 3rd Street
Caruthersville, MO 63830

The Missouri Gaming Commission (MGC) is the state agency responsible for the regulation and enforcement of Missouri's gaming industry relating to riverboat gaming and charitable bingo. A Gaming Commission Agent is on duty at each casino when gaming is taking place to respond to patron complaints and to look for possible violations of gaming laws, rules, and regulations. If you have a question while you are on the casino floor, please ask casino personnel to summon an MGC representative to assist you.

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If you put $100 in a slot machine that advertises a 90% payback, you should get back at least $90.

FALSE. All credits paid out are considered "winnings". In Missouri an EGD is required to return to the player a minimum of 80% of the funds wagered over its lifetime. The expected payback is calculated based on 10 million games played (the lifetime), not each single play. Let us say you play a slot machine set to payback 90%, 10 million times at a $1 wager. The overall payout to you in the end should be at least $9 million.

A slot machine that hasn't hit in a long time is "due" to hit.

FALSE. All slot machines authorized for use in Missouri utilize a computerized Random Number. Generator (RNG). The RNG cycles through random combinations regardless of whether a player is at the slot machine or not. At the precise time a player commits a wager (i.e., pulls the handle, or pushes the spin/bet button) the RNG picks a specific combination which results in the outcome of the game. There is no special programming that prevents or requires a slot machine to "hit" at any time. The RNG makes every spin random, with the outcome determined at the particular millisecond the wager is committed by the player.

A player hit a jackpot on the slot machine you were just playing. If you had been there, you would have hit the jackpot.

FALSE. The RNG is continuously cycling through combinations of numbers, regardless of whether the slot machine is being played or not. As soon as the handle is pulled or spin/bet button is pressed, the RNG determines whether the player has won or lost, based on the combination generated by the RNG when the wager was made. Committing the wager a split second earlier or later would result in a different outcome.

The slot machine I was playing has just hit. It will not hit again for a long time.

FALSE. Each reel spin has the same odds of winning – or losing – as any other reel spin. The fact a jackpot just occurred has no impact on the outcome of the next play.

You can tell the odds of winning by counting the symbols on each reel.

FALSE. With early mechanical slot machines this could have been true. With modern computerized slot machines, you may only see a few symbols on each physical reel; however, the game may be programmed with many more reel positions not visible called virtual reel stops. A virtual reel stop is an expansion of locations on a physical reel added to increase the total number of combinations available. The number of virtual reel stops is greater than the number of advertised outcomes on the physical reels of the slot machine. For example, you may only see 20 symbols per reel of a 3 reel slot machine; you figure 20 x 20 x 20 = 8,000 combinations.
In reality, the game program may have 256 virtual reel stops for each reel, which makes 256 x 256 x 256 = 16,777,216 combinations.

If you had hit the spin/bet button instead of pulling the handle, you would have hit a winning combination.

FALSE. Whether you press the spin/bet button or pull the handle has no influence on the outcome of the game. Both are methods to trigger the RNG to produce a winning or losing combination.

Casinos flip a switch to loosen or tighten the slot machines.

FALSE. In Missouri, the game software, which controls the outcome of each play, is required to be inside a locked compartment within the slot machine. Changes to the game software can only occur when the locked compartment is opened and must be approved/ supervised by Gaming Commission Agents who place a security seal over the locked compartment. The seal may only be broken by an agent. Slot machines in Missouri are required to pay back a minimum of 80% at 10 million games played. Game software is required to be tested and certified by a licensed independent testing laboratory. Gaming Commission Agents must validate and seal the certified software prior to authorizing slot machines for patron play.

You will be able to determine a pattern if you pay close enough attention to the slot machine.

FALSE. Again, slot machines are controlled by RNGs. There is no pattern to determine.

If you put your player's card in, you will win less.

FALSE. The use of your player's card has no impact on the outcome of the game, only on your ability to earn rewards from the casino.

If someone leaves credits on a slot machine, you can play them.

FALSE. Playing credits belonging to someone else is theft – if you find credits remaining on a slot machine, report it to the casino so they can place the credits in safekeeping for the patron to claim when they return.

You can have a spouse or a friend claim a jackpot you have won.

FALSE. Only the wagering patron can lawfully claim a jackpot.

If a slot machine malfunctions during game play, you should win whatever is displayed.

FALSE. Unfortunately, slot machines occasionally malfunction. It is important to understand that the outcome of a wager is determined by the RNG (game program) in the slot machine, not by what is displayed. As a result, if there is a discrepancy between the display and what the game program communicated to the slot machine display, the outcome is determined by the game program logic. In a patron dispute, Gaming Commission Agents can access the slot machine's play history to determine the results of the last few games played. If you believe a slot machine has not paid out according to payouts displayed on the machine, **YOU SHOULD STOP PLAYING IMMEDIATELY** and ask the casino to review the results. You have the right to request a Gaming Commission Agent if you feel there may be an issue.