

HOW SLOT MACHINES work



SLOT MACHINE FACTS!

All odds aren't even.

On the I Heart triple Diamond penny machine, the odds of winning any prize are 1 in 12, but the odds of winning the top prize are 1 in 649,400.

Smaller rewards.

It's more likely that you'll win a smaller prize on slots than a top prize.

Not all slots are the same.

Some pay smaller prizes more often and have bonus games, while others pay out less but with bigger prizes.

Money = Credits

When you put money in a slot machine, it shows as credits. If you win, credits go up. If you lose, credits go down.

WHAT'S INSIDE A SLOT MACHINE?

Slot machines are computers that use random number generators to determine the outcome of each play. They generate hundreds or thousands of numbers per second—the results of the machine depend on what number is generated in the exact instant you activate the machine. The random number generator makes the outcome of each play virtually impossible to predict, since each successive play is totally independent from the previous one.

Playing more doesn't mean you'll win more. If you add it all up, you might lose more than you win.



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IS WINNING AT SLOT MACHINES PURE CHANCE, or does skill play a part?

Most slots are pure chance. But for some machines, bonus games offer you a chance to influence the outcome by interacting with an arcade-style video game. While skill may be a factor, the random number generator inside the machine often determines whether you play the bonus game and the amounts available to be won—so chance is still a big part of the deal.

1:37
1:4

DOES PLAYING MORE mean paying more?

No. With slots, persistence doesn't pay off. Each play on a slot machine is independent, unpredictable and unrelated to what happened on the previous play. Machines are never "due for a win" and don't "go cold" after a win either.

DO MACHINES FURTHEST FROM THE AISLE PAY OUT MORE because they're played less often?

How often a machine is played has nothing to do with the chances it will pay out on the next play. Payouts are determined by the pre-set odds of the machine and the unpredictable results of the random number generator inside.



A MACHINE I WAS PLAYING PAID OUT A JACKPOT RIGHT AFTER I LEFT. If I stayed, would I have won?

It's impossible to say. Because random number generators determine the outcome of each play, the results of each play are totally independent. Outcomes depend on what number is generated in the exact instant a player presses play or pulls the lever. Future outcomes are completely unrelated to what happened when you were playing.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF winning?

It depends. Your chance of winning depends on the machine you choose to play and how many credits you decide to wager. But remember that the odds always favour "the house." Over time, your chances of walking away with more money than when you started are low.