



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF TSOGO SUN CASINOS

In this guide, we will deal with demystifying the slot machine. However, should you require any more information or have any questions, our friendly Casino Staff are always on hand to help you and give you advice.

ENJOY THE GAME AND HAVE FUN!



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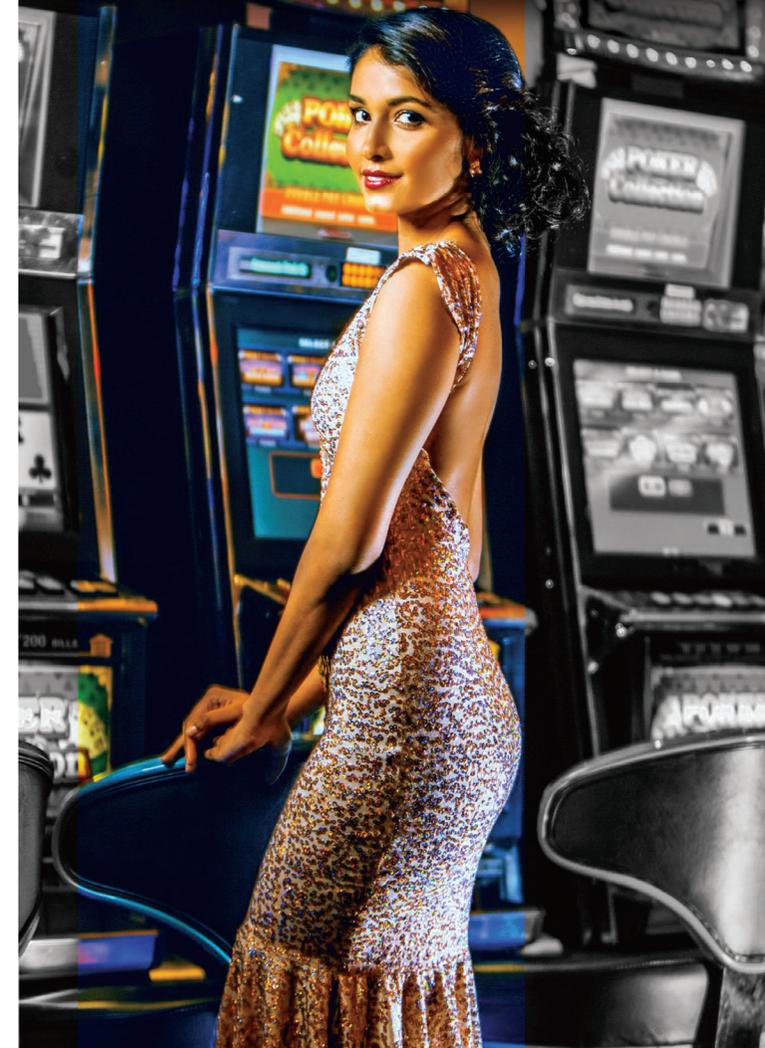
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INTRODUCTION TO

# SLOT MACHINES



# THE SLOT MACHINE

Slots are the most popular casino games and the most widely recognised symbols of gaming. Yet most people know very little about how they actually work. A close look at these machines reveals how they are made, how they operate and how they are regulated.

## TYPES OF MACHINES

The slot machine has captured the imaginations of gamblers for more than 100 years. Modern slot machines feature thousands of different games, as many as 200 paylines and a variety of betting limits.

Today there are two basic types of slot machine, mechanical reel and video slot machines.

Mechanical reel machines have actual physical reels that spin when play begins, while video slot machines have virtual reels that are displayed on a video monitor.

In addition machines can also include progressive jackpots in which the top payout award continues to grow as more money is played through a machine, as well as machines that offer interactive bonus games when certain symbols appear on the payline. No matter what type of machine you play, most slot machines operate in pretty much the same way.

## HOW IT WORKS

Today's slot machines work via a Random Number Generator (RNG), a tiny computer that determines where the symbols stop during each slot machine play. Even before a player approaches a slot machine, the RNG is cycling through millions of number combinations. Each number in the combination corresponds to the different symbols on the slot machine reels. Multiple numbers can correspond to the same symbol, which is called a virtual stop.

Here's a look at what happens once slot machine play begins.

- The player pushes a button or pulls a lever to initiate play.
- In that instant, the RNG picks the number combination highlighted in its system at that given moment, and each reel/symbol stops in the position that corresponds to that number.

- If the numbers and accompanying symbols on the payline match a winning combination, the game processor notifies the player through the screen.
- The game processor simultaneously calculates the amount won based on the odds of the game and the amount wagered.
- The win is paid or added to the player's credit meter.
- With each new play, this process repeats in exactly the same way, independent of the events that happened before.

## FROM CONCEPT TO CASINO FLOOR

Slot machines are created with one goal in mind – to ensure that players are entertained when playing them.

Machine production is a complex process involving many decisions, from determining betting options to artwork and theme. Designers pay attention to cultural and technological trends to ensure that new games are on the cutting edge.

Once a game is crafted, it often is tested with a focus group of customers. It then is sent to a private lab to confirm it works properly and meets regulatory requirements and/or is submitted to regulators for approval.



## ENSURING COMPLIANCE

Before reaching the casino floor, slots are subjected to lengthy compliance tests in order to be approved by regulators. Those tests make sure the games are fair and reliable.

Technicians perform regular maintenance on the machines once they are on the floor, and regulators perform check-ups if problems arise – all to ensure the machines continue to operate as they should.

## RESPONSIBLE PLAY

Slot machines should not be considered a way to earn money. They are intended only to provide gaming customers entertaining – and often exciting – experiences.

## CONSTANT EVOLUTION

Slot machines have come a long way in the past 100 years, and, as we look to the future, that evolution will continue. Already on today's casino floor, you can find games that allow people to play together and share bonus rounds, and server-based games that allow players to pick from a variety of games on a single machine. Wherever technology takes us, the games will continue to be fair, regulated and, above all, fun!

For more information please also see our "debunking myths" brochure.

## FACTS

- It takes approximately 12 – 18 months to produce a new slot machine game
- The modern slot machine allows the player to choose their preferred bet by simply choosing the denomination, the number of lines and credits they wish to bet per spin
- Over **22 700** slot machines in South Africa
- **5 billion rands** paid annually in total state and provincial taxes
- Over **1 310 000** games played per machine per year
- Over **34 000** casino employees in South Africa
- Over **64 000 000** casino visitors per year
- **1899** was the year Charles Fey invented the slot machine called the Liberty Bell
- **88 to 99 percent** is the overall percentage a slot machine will return to players over the long term
- Playing maximum lines allows the player to cover the entire pay table and improves the hit frequency