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Slot machines have been around

for a hundred years and have been improving all the time.

The nickname 'one arm bandit' applies to today's slot

machines as much as it ever

has. Each of a slot machine's

reels has about 20 symbols on

it, but there is by no means

an equal chance of the reel

stopping on each (as was the

case on older machines).

Which symbol each reel will

stop on is determined before

the reels even start spinning,

so just because your spin

landed on the lemon just below

the lucky-7 doesn't mean that

you almost hit that jackpot.

Winning Strategy

There is no real winning

strategy for slots, except

perhaps to find that elusive

'loose' machine and always

play the maximum number of

coins so that if you do hit a

jackpot, you'll be paid well

for your effort.

◆ Three Reel Machine

The three reel machines in

Beat the House are similar to

many found in casinos. Each

coin inserted (up to five

coins) buys a payoff line.

Multiple lines may win and

payoff on any one spin. As

with the progressive machine,

it is best to play all five

coins in a machine like this

one because the jackpot

payoffs increase with each

coin played.

u Four Reel Progressive

Progressive machines are the

latest trend in Las Vegas. By

having several slot machines

(often in several casinos) pay

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into the same jackpot, it grows very quickly and is won fairly often. The jackpot is won by the first person who hits the jackpot and played all three coins. Always play the maximum number of coins on a progressive machine.

#### ◆◆◆ Pay-out Percentages

Most slot machines pay out from 83% to 90% as much money as is inserted into them.

This means that for every 100 dollars you put in the coin slot, about 85 dollars will drop back out, on the average. These are terrible odds, and because of them, playing the slots is not recommended. The slots in this game are loose compared to the average machine with the 3 reel machine paying out 96% and the 4 reel progressive paying out 94%. Also, you have about a one in six million chance of hitting the progressive jackpot each spin. Good Luck!

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#### Inserting Coins

This is one of the most difficult slot skills to master. If the coin is inserted too gently it might get jammed in the slot. If the coins are inserted too forcefully you may tire quickly from the exertion to win the big jackpot.

This is a skill that cannot be taught by a simulation. The only way to acquire the correct touch is through experience. Some veteran slot players recommend practicing on coke machines or video games. We do not endorse these controversial methods.

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#### BPulling the Handle

Once the coin insert has been mastered it is time to move on to the handle pull. Newer machines are equipped with spin buttons allowing the naive player to forgo the arm pull altogether. Do not be fooled by these little buttons. It is common knowledge in Vegas that the only way to win big is to pull the handles, the spin buttons are for losers.

#### ◆Acting Excited

Should you win big at the slots be sure to jump around and act excited. Everyone in the casino loves to see someone jumping up and down and screaming in front of a ringing, flashing slot machine. Don't let your fellow gamblers down.



#### Etiquette

There is only one hard and fast rule of slot machine etiquette. If you wouldn't do it at a bowling alley, don't do it here.