

28. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said housing comprises a first housing portion and a second housing portion.

29. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said housing comprises a main housing portion and a panel coupled to said main housing portion.

30. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 29, wherein said panel is removably coupled to said main housing portion.

31. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 29, wherein said panel includes at least one of said value input device and an input control panel.

32. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein a transparent material is disposed over at least one of said openings of said housing.

33. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said controller is programmed to allow a user to select a number of paylines.

34. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said display unit comprises a flat panel display unit.

35. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said display unit comprises a display screen having a width

in the range of about of 36-64 centimeters and a height in the range of about 28-104 centimeters.

36. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein said display unit has a depth in the range of about 0.2-200 millimeters.

37. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said first and second video images represents at least one of the following: a bonus game, a payout table, game information, game instructions and an attraction sequence.

38. A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said first and second video images are at least one of a static video image and an active video image.

39. A gaming system comprising a plurality of gaming apparatuses as defined in claim 27, said gaming apparatuses being interconnected to form a network of gaming apparatuses.

40. A gaming system as defined in claim 39, wherein said gaming apparatuses are interconnected via the Internet.

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