

the controller makes one of the electro-optical panels associated with one of the special symbols translucent when the internal information indicates that the determined one of the lottery results is one of the special lottery results corresponding to the one of the special symbols, while the controller makes the other electro-optical panels transparent.

**8.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a random number selector, which determines one of a plurality of lottery results including at least one special lottery result corresponding to the special symbol, to generate internal information indicating the determined one of the lottery results,

wherein the controller displays the mask image on the electro-optical panel when the internal information indicates that the determined one of the lottery results is the special lottery result.

**9.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a storage which stores at least one mask data adapted to display the at least one mask image,

wherein the controller reads out the mask data in the storage to display the mask image on the electro-optical panel.

**10.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 9, further comprising a random number selector, which determines one of a plurality of lottery results including a plurality of special lottery results corresponding to a plurality of special symbols, to generate internal information indicating the determined one of the lottery results,

wherein the controller reads out one of a plurality of mask data in the storage to display one of a plurality of mask

images on the electro-optical panel when the internal information indicates that the determined one of the lottery results is one of the special lottery results corresponding to the one of the special symbols.

**11.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the controller shifts a gaming status of the slot machine from a first, basic gaming status to a second gaming status which provides higher gaming value than the first gaming status, when a predetermined combination of the symbols including the special symbol are aligned on the payline.

**12.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

a main body, which houses the reels therein; and

a door, attached to the main body, the door formed with a transparent window through which a player is able to see the reels,

wherein the electro-optical panel disposed along an inner face of the transparent window.

**13.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 2, wherein the controller shifts a gaming status of the slot machine from a first, basic gaming status to a second gaming status which provides higher gaming value than the first gaming status, when a predetermined combination of the symbols including the special symbol are aligned on the payline.

**14.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the electro-optical panel is a liquid crystal panel.

**15.** The slot machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the electro-optical panel is an organic electro luminescence panel.

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