

buffer are preferably provided. The plurality of buffers can be appropriately disposed according to the size and/or weight of the liquid crystal display unit.

[0036] The present invention will be more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the attached drawings, which are given by way of illustration only and are not to be considered as limiting the present invention.

[0037] Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0038] In the course of the following detailed description, reference will be made to the attached drawings in which:

[0039] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of a slot machine according to an embodiment of this invention;

[0040] **FIG. 2** is a perspective view of the slot machine in a state where a door is opened;

[0041] **FIG. 3** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the first embodiment;

[0042] **FIGS. 4A and 4B** are perspective views each showing another type of buffer;

[0043] **FIG. 5** is a partial cross-sectional view of the liquid crystal display of the first embodiment;

[0044] **FIG. 6** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the second embodiment;

[0045] **FIG. 7** is a partial cross-sectional view of the liquid crystal display of the second embodiment;

[0046] **FIG. 8** depicts the relation between the frame plate and the main frame of the second embodiment;

[0047] **FIG. 9** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the third embodiment;

[0048] **FIG. 10** is a perspective view of the transparent member of the third embodiment;

[0049] **FIG. 11** is a partial cross-sectional view of the liquid crystal display of the third embodiment;

[0050] **FIG. 12** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the fourth embodiment;

[0051] **FIG. 13** is a partial cross-sectional view of the liquid crystal display of the fourth embodiment;

[0052] **FIG. 14** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the fifth embodiment;

[0053] **FIG. 15** is a partial cross-sectional view of the liquid crystal display of the fifth embodiment; and

[0054] **FIG. 16** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display of the sixth embodiment.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0055] Preferred embodiments of this invention are described below with reference to the drawings. The embodiments are slot machines to which this invention is applied. This invention is not limited thereto, and may be applied to various gaming machines such as video gaming machines, medal gaming machines, and card gaming machines.

[0056] [First Embodiment]

[0057] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of a slot machine according to an embodiment of this invention. **FIG. 2** is a perspective view of the slot machine having a door opened. Hereinafter, terms showing directions are used on the basis of the state shown in **FIGS. 1 and 2**. That is, on the basis of the state that the slot machine **1** is stood, the direction from a cabinet **2** to a top frame **4** is defined as upward. The direction from the cabinet **2** to a door **3** is defined as forward or front side. The direction from the center of the front side of the cabinet **2** to the position where the door **3** is supported is defined as leftward.

[0058] The slot machine **1** shown in **FIGS. 1 and 2** has a cabinet **2**. On the opening of the cabinet **2**, the door (front door) **3** is openably and reclosably mounted. In this embodiment, the door **3** is fixed to the left edge of the cabinet **2** through a hinge mechanism **10**. On the top of the cabinet **2**, a top frame **4** is mounted. On the front of the top frame **4**, a decorative panel is mounted. Inside the cabinet **2**, reels **9** on which symbols are drawn are provided. A position at which the door **3** is supported by the cabinet **2** is not limited to the position of this embodiment. For example, the door **3** may be supported by the upper end portion of the cabinet **2** and opened and closed being rotated about the upper end portion.

[0059] A liquid crystal display **5** for displaying game information is mounted in the door **3**. A liquid crystal display unit **51** which is a main component of the liquid crystal display **5** is covered with a cover **52** having an opening. That is, the cover **52** has an opening from which the front of the liquid crystal display unit **51** is exposed, and covers the peripheral portion of the liquid crystal display unit **51** at its front. Further, a transparent member **53** for protecting the liquid crystal display unit **51** is mounted to the front of the liquid crystal display unit **51**.

[0060] On the center front of the door **3**, a control panel **6** is disposed so as to protrude forward of the door **3**. On the left slope of the control panel **6**, various kinds of operating buttons are arranged and a medal insertion slot in which a medal is inserted is provided. On the right side of the control panel **6**, a bill guide device for guiding a bill to the bill validator accommodated in the cabinet **2** is provided.

[0061] Under the control panel **6**, a door component **7** openably and reclosably coupled to the door **3** is provided. The door component **7** is provided with a decorative panel. Under the door component **7** and at the bottom of the door **3**, a medal receiving tray **30** for receiving medals is formed.

[0062] Next, the configuration of the liquid crystal display **5** will be described with reference to **FIG. 3**. **FIG. 3** is an exploded perspective view of the liquid crystal display **5** of the first embodiment.