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Gaming machines, systems and methods for presenting wager-based games having three-dimensional paylines are disclosed. Gaming machines include an exterior housing, master gaming controller, display device, speakers and a network interface. A multi-layer display device that presents three-dimensional paylines includes a display controller that generates or transmits display signals, a first display screen that presents a first visual display and a second display screen that presents a second visual display, where the second display screen is positioned behind the first display screen such that the first and second visual displays combine for a single visual presentation. Each of the first and second visual displays includes symbols, symbol portions, stops and/or designations used to form a three-dimensional payline. A three-dimensional payline can jump from one display screen to the other at least once. Three-dimensional payline symbols can be composite symbols that are formed on a plurality of display screens.

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