

- a master gaming controller in communication with at least one of said plurality of internal gaming machine components and adapted to execute or control one or more aspects of said wager-based game; and
- a multi-layer display device in communication with said master gaming controller and adapted to display a first three-dimensional payline thereupon, wherein said multi-layer display device includes:
- at least one display controller adapted to generate or transmit one or more display signals,
  - a first display screen in communication with said at least one display controller and adapted to present a first visual display thereupon based on said one or more display signals, and
  - a second display screen in communication with said at least one display controller and adapted to present a second visual display thereupon based upon said one or more display signals, said second display screen being positioned behind said first display screen such that said first and second visual displays are adapted to combine for a single visual presentation that includes said first three-dimensional payline to a player of said wager-based game,
- wherein said first three-dimensional payline comprises a plurality of symbols, symbol portions, stops, designations or any combination thereof, at least one of which is displayed on said first display screen and at least another of which is disposed on said second display screen.
2. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional payline extends from one of said first and second display screens to the other display screen at least once.
  3. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional payline comprises a line having a horizontal component, a vertical component and a depth component with respect to said player.
  4. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said first three-dimensional payline comprises a plurality of reel stops, reel symbols or both disposed across a plurality of virtual reels.
  5. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 4, wherein said plurality of virtual reels includes a first virtual reel displayed on said first display screen and a second virtual reel displayed on said second display screen.
  6. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 4, wherein said plurality of virtual reels are all displayed on only one of said first and second display screens, and wherein the other of said first and second display screens displays one or more additional game designations that are used with respect to said plurality of virtual reels within the context of said wager-based game.
  7. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 6, wherein said one or more additional game designations includes a "wild" or "multiplier" designation for a corresponding reel symbol, reel stop, payline or any combination thereof.
  8. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 7, wherein said player is required to provide an added payment or wager for said one or more additional game designations to be effective for said wager-based game.
  9. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said first three-dimensional payline comprises a plurality of wheel stops, wheel symbols or both disposed across a plurality of virtual wheels.
  10. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, further including:
    - one or more speakers in communication with said master gaming controller and adapted to present sounds with respect to said first three-dimensional payline.
  11. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, further including:
    - a network interface coupling said gaming machine to one or more remotely located networked components, said network interface adapted to facilitate the downloading of three-dimensional payline parameters, three-dimensional payline games, or both to said processor-based gaming machine.
  12. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said multi-layer display device is further adapted to display a second three-dimensional payline thereupon simultaneously with the display of said first three-dimensional payline, wherein said second three-dimensional payline comprises a plurality of symbols, symbol portions, stops, designations or any combination thereof, at least one of which is displayed on said first display screen and at least another of which is disposed on said second display screen.
  13. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said first three-dimensional payline includes at least one composite reel symbol, said at least one composite reel symbol comprising a first symbol portion displayed on said first display screen and a second symbol portion displayed on said second display screen to form a combined reel symbol having a three-dimensional effect.
  14. The processor-based gaming machine of claim 1, wherein said first three-dimensional payline includes at least one composite wheel symbol, said at least one composite wheel symbol comprising a first symbol portion displayed on said first display screen and a second symbol portion displayed on said second display screen to form a combined wheel symbol having a three-dimensional effect.
  15. A method of presenting a three-dimensional payline, comprising:
    - providing a wager-based gaming machine having a multi-layer display device that includes a first display screen adapted to present a first visual display thereupon and a second display screen adapted to present a second visual display thereupon, said second display screen being positioned behind said first display screen such that said first and second visual displays are adapted to combine for a single visual presentation that includes a three-dimensional payline to a player of a wager-based game thereon;
    - accepting a monetary value wager from a player;
    - accepting a game-related input from said player;
    - initiating the play of a wager-based game as a result of said game-related input;
    - determining a first three-dimensional payline for use with said wager-based game; and
    - presenting on said multi-layer display the play of said wager-based game including said first three-dimensional payline,
 wherein said first three-dimensional payline comprises a plurality of symbols, symbol portions, stops, designations or any combination thereof, at least one of which is