

GAMING MACHINE

FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY

[0001] The present invention relates to a gaming machine and a display device for a gaming machine.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

[0002] In the related art, public favor has been gained by a gaming machine, which is intended to continue the interest of a player without getting the player tired of it by displaying rotatable reels having a plurality of symbols drawn on their peripheries in motion or still so that pin balls, game medals or game media may be paid out on the basis of the combination of the symbols displayed still.

[0003] Of these gaming machines, there is a slot machine for displaying the reels in a stationary state on the basis of the stopping operation. This slot machine is recognized as a superior technical intervention of the player to that of the pin ball machine.

[0004] Specifically, it is probably "observation push," in which the player must perform the stop operation in a predetermined timing so as to stop the reel to show a predetermined symbol on the surface in a stationary state, that has made the slot machine so popular. (See Japanese examined patent publication No. JP-B-H3-72313)

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[0007] This gaming machine is provided in its cabinet with a display unit, in which there are displayed various images such as an image indicating the play contents or an effect image for making effects. This display unit is indispensable for such gaming machines.

[0008] In this display unit, there may be used various liquid crystal displays, a CRT (Cathode Ray Tube), STN (Super-Twisted Transistor), and TFT (Thin Film Transistor) type of displays. This display unit may be mounted in inside the cabinet of the gaming machine such that a display panel appears in a bulging shape from the outside. In order to reduce the size of the gaming machine, therefore, a thin type liquid crystal display has become in the mainstream. (See Japanese unexamined patent publication No. JP-A-2002-272903.)

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