

gaming machine comprising an liquid crystal display device being disposed in front of the reels such that the reels can be viewed through the liquid crystal display even when image signals become abnormal.

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[0052] This liquid crystal display is fed with the power source from a circuit or the feed source of its image signals through the same connection cables as those for feeding the image signals. In case no power source is fed to the circuit or the image signal feed source, therefore, the aforementioned problem may be caused by the disconnection or the like of the connection cables.

[0053] The invention has been conceived in view of the aforementioned problems and an object to provide a gaming machine, which can continue the interest of the player even in case the power source is not fed to a board having display control means.

[0054] In order to achieve the aforementioned object, in the gaming machine of the invention, the reel illuminating means has a function to illuminate the reels in case the power source is turned ON.

[0055] More specifically, the invention provides the following items.

[0056] (1) A gaming machine may comprise rotatable reels having a plurality of symbols drawn on their outer peripheries, and reel illuminating means for illuminating the reels, and the reel illuminating means may have a function to illuminate the reels in case the power source is turned ON.

[0057] According to the invention of (1), "the reel illuminating means has a function to illuminate the reels in case the power source is turned ON". Since the function to illuminate the reels is enabled by turning ON the power source, it is possible provide a game, which can make the reels easily visible and can continue the interest of the player for a long time. Since this visibility is made easier, moreover, the game makes the player hardly tired to keep the interest of the player for a long time.

[0058] Especially in case the patterns are displayed in motion because the reels are rotated, they are harder to be visually recognized than in case they are displayed still. According to this gaming machine, it is possible to provide a game, which can recognize the reels visually more easily than the related art and which can continue the interest of the player. Since this visibility is made easier, moreover, it is possible to provide a game, which can make the player hardly tired and can keep the interest of the player for a long time. Since the contents of the game are frequently determined according to the stopping mode of the reels, the game capable of continuing the interest of the player for a long time can be provided by such gaming machine.

[0059] Here, the aforementioned "case of the power ON" is a concept including the case, in which the power source is merely turned ON, and the case in which the power source is turned ON again. In the included case, for example, the power source may be turned ON on the basis of the operation of the power button, and the power source may be turned ON again on the basis of the operation of the reset button.

[0060] (2) The gaming machine of the invention may comprise rotatable reels having a plurality of symbols drawn on their outer peripheries, and reel illuminating means for illuminating the reels, and the reel illuminating means may have a function to illuminate the reels at all times while the power source is ON.

[0061] According to the invention of (2), "the reel illuminating means has a function to illuminate the reels at all times while the power source is ON". In case the gaming machine is powered, i.e., in case the gaming machine may be played, therefore, it is possible to provide a game, which can make the reels easily visible and can continue the interest of the player for a long time. Since this visibility is made easier, moreover, it is possible to provide a game, which can make the player hardly tired and can keep the interest of the player for a long time.

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