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(54) **REEL BLUR FOR GAMING MACHINES
HAVING SIMULATED ROTATING REELS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Gaming machines, systems and methods for emulating rotating physical reels on a display screen are disclosed. Graphics for "static" reel symbols are intentionally blurred for those reel symbols "in motion." Gaming machines include an exterior housing, master gaming controller, display device and virtual reels. Virtual reels include reel stops, static reel symbols and corresponding dynamic blurred reel symbols. A blurred reel symbol generator provides corresponding blurred reel symbols for existing static reel symbols, and can be located at a remote host and/or within the gaming machine. A remote host can provide downloadable virtual reel strips, reel symbols and blurred reel symbols to gaming machines. The blurred reel symbol generator can accept manually entered blurred reel symbol images, and/or can also generate blurred reel symbol images itself in automated fashion. Blurred reel symbols can be generated on the fly at runtime, or can be taken from a stored location.

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