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Abstract (en)
[origin: GB2328311A] An entertainment machine 1 that selects a combination of symbols and displays them at a win zone 11, a win indication including an evaluation of a win award in relation to a stake made 20, is characterised by the provision of player controls 6a, 6b operable to select independently, from specified ranges a stake enhancement factor 18 and a game win mode 17. Symbols may be in the form of a 3x3 matrix 11 with up to five win lines, or a 4x3 matrix. The win mode may include lines or other arrangements in which symbol combinations are assessed for a win evaluation. All combinations of symbols, one taken from each column 9 in a 3x3 matrix may be chosen. The win mode 17 may be; determined by the presence of special symbols, related to losing game awards, or may not be related to displayed symbol combinations, including losing game awards. Preferably, the enhancement factor has a selection of numerical multipliers applied to all or selected wins. The controls 6a, 6b for the win mode 17 and enhancement factor 18 may be separate. Both controls 6a, 6b can be available; at the start of every game, after the game has started, or only in some games. One control may be partially available during a game. The win mode 17 and enhancement factor 18 may be displayed visually. The enhancement factor 18 can be applied to all or part of the available stake 20. Preferably, a pay out percentage 21 can be varied and displayed numerically. Preferably, a control system (12 figure 3) determines a variable win likelihood that is linked to the win mode and enhancement factor. The likelihood may be displayed numerically along side the win mode and stake enhancement factor.

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