

Title (en)  
Gaming machine with persistent bonus state

Title (de)  
Spielautomat mit daeurhaftem Bonusmodus

Title (fr)  
Machine de jeu avec un état de bonus persistant

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP1469432A2] A method of conducting a wagering game on a gaming machine during a single gaming session is disclosed. The wagering game includes a basic game and a bonus game. The bonus game is triggered by a special outcome in the basic game. According to the method, the machine receives a first wager to play the wagering game. In response to an occurrence of the special outcome, the bonus game is conducted until terminated at one of a plurality of possible states. The machine subsequently receives a second wager to play the wagering game. In response to a subsequent occurrence of the special outcome, the bonus game resumes from the one of the plurality of possible states as long as game credits remain in the machine between the occurrence and the subsequent occurrence of the special outcome. Otherwise, the bonus game resets so that it commences from an introductory state when the special outcome subsequently occurs. <IMAGE>

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