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Calculating the Relative Current Value of Your Slot Machine

We at California Antique Slots, Inc. **ARE NOT** appraisers. However, we have been in the industry long enough (since 2002) to recognize different grades for the slot machines and mechanical devices we encounter. The following chart is **ONLY A GUIDE** to calculate the value to your mechanical device. Remember, an item is worth something monetarily only when money for it exchanges hands at the moment of sale. We can only give a range of prices based on the [Loose Change Blue Book for Slot Machines](#), 4th Edition, Daniel Mead, 1997-1998. **We do not grade machines.** The working slot machine must be original, intact, and with the following items present: key, bonnet, back door, mechanism, casing, coin box. Values drop considerably with any missing items. Values drop if the slot machine is severely damaged, non-working, non-maintained, or abused. Values drop if any parts of the machine are reproductions or are recast.

Prices are calculated for a slot machine that is deemed legal to own in the state where the machine is physically located. [Please research your State's laws for the legality of ownership of any slot machine.](#) Laws regarding ownership of slot machines are subject to change. We are not responsible for errors.

We use a simple formula. $I = P * r * t$

I (interest income in dollars); P (principal in dollars); r (percent rate of increase); t (time in years). Generally, a slot machine increases in value approximately two (2) to 4 (four) percent per year. Not all machines increase in value. Not all machines are valuable. (A machine's value can stabilize and decrease as well). If a machine is damaged or nonworking, it will **DECREASE** in value. Some machines will command a high price simply because they are (at the same time!) **RARE, POPULAR, IN DEMAND** and have **PROVENANCE** (recorded history). Their values **will not follow** this simple calculation. The following calculations must be used **ONLY** as a simple guide. [Slot machines are graded according to different grade levels.](#) Please consult a competent professional appraiser using the latest pricing guides to gain a more thorough view of your machine's value. [We DO NOT calculate values for machines that are counterfeit, fake or reproductions. \(Those machines are completely worthless for true slot collectors.\)](#)

Name of machine:				
Denomination:			Number of Reels:	
Model Number or Type (mechanical, light up, Special Award, BONUS, etc.):			Serial Number:	
Grade 1 (1998)	Grade 2 (1998)	Grade 3 (1998)	Grade 4 (1998)	Grade 5 (1998)
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
$I=P*0.03*t$	$I=P*0.03*t$	$I=P*0.03*t$	$I=P*0.03*t$	$I=P*0.03*t$
I =	I =	I =	I =	I =
Present-day value	Present-day value	Present-day value	Present-day value	Present-day value
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$