

## **Smoldering Red Hot Jackpots™ Slots!**

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Attention all casino players – prepare for a heat wave the next time you visit your local Southern California casino because slot action is sizzling like never before! Remember some of your old favorite slot themes, the ones that have been paying off big for lucky casino customers for a decade or more? You may be thinking, what could be better than those old favorites? Well, how about those traditional slot themes in five-reel versions that pay off more often than ever and offer four progressive jackpots as a part of bonus game play? That's what **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots are bringing to Southern California casino floors, and they are hot, hot, hot!

Get ready, slot players, for more excitement and winning opportunities than you've ever experienced before. The new **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots include four favorites, all in five-reel 20-payline versions: **Double Red Hot Stars™**, **Double Sizzling 7s®**, **Sizzling 7s®**, and **Triple Ruby 7s™**. These slots include all the latest reel-spinner features, like backlit reels plus meters in the top box display that show incrementing progressive jackpot amounts. Stunning graphic displays and an easy-to-follow payable are shown for each theme. And 20 paylines mean more ways to win more often! The slots are banked together and usually include easy-to-find **Red Hot Jackpots™** sign above each bank. Each sign displays the current **MegaJackpots®** amount for each bank of machines. That's right...we said **MegaJackpots®**!

### **About MegaJackpots® Multi-Level Progressives**

Most of us who visit casinos on a regular basis are very familiar with **MegaJackpots®** and the excitement of watching someone win big on any one of the popular

MegaJackpots® slot or video themes. **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots bring together a top MegaJackpots® award and multi-level progressive jackpots that aren't just awards - they're actually part of bonus game play. The player is guaranteed a minimum award based on the number of **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots symbols that show up on the reels:

- Three winning symbols guarantee a first-level win (“Jackpot” minimum of \$5.00 for a penny machine)
- Four winning symbols guarantee a second-level win (“Hot” minimum of \$15.00 for a penny machine)
- Five winning symbols guarantee a third-level win (“Hotter” minimum of \$100.00 for a penny machine).

The win amount for each level is displayed in meters in the top box of each machine.

Once a progressive jackpot is triggered, bells ring to signal the progressive and the meter amount in the machine top box turns green, making it easier than ever for a player to recognize when a progressive is reached. When the bonus is over, the player wins the initial progressive amount, the amount for the final progressive level that was reached, and all the credits won during the free spins.

And talk about exciting! These progressives deliver more thrilling ways to win more often. Here's what's in store for you once a progressive jackpot is triggered. Graphic flames appear behind the winning meter amount on the sign above the machines, showing these hotter than hot slots. The player is awarded an impressive eight free spins when a progressive is triggered. Not only that, but points are actually accumulated *during* the free spins for each bonus trigger symbol that lands. The player advances to the next jackpot level once the minimum required points for the next level are reached. But that's not all. Even more free spins can be triggered at any time during the bonus. In

fact, the player can win up to 160 more spins. Just imagine the winning opportunities with that many free spins and points accumulating all along the way! Players can even build up enough points to win the fourth level MegaJackpots® award (the “Hottest”)!

To win the MegaJackpots® top award, you’ll of course need the right symbol combination. And the right combination varies depending on the individual machine theme.

- **Double Red Hot Stars™** top award combination: Red 7, Double logo, Red 7, Double logo, Red 7
- **Sizzling 7s®** top award combination: Five Wild logos
- **Double Sizzling 7s®** top award combination: Five Double logos
- **Triple Ruby 7s®** top award combination: Red 7, Triple logo, Red 7, Triple logo, Red 7.

Minimum MegaJackpots® awards depend on the machine’s denomination, and each casino might have different denominations. For a penny machine, the most common denomination right now in Southern California casinos, the minimum MegaJackpots® award is \$5,000, but for a nickel machine the minimum top award is \$25,000. Players also have the opportunity to win the top award when the winning symbol combination in the base game lands on any played line with the maximum wagered on all paylines.

Players are offered even more opportunities to win with the Buy-a-Pay option. When five credits per line are wagered, the player is eligible for up to two progressive levels. What does that mean to the slot player? It means the more coins per line are wagered, the more ways there are to win, and the more chances to enter the progressive levels.

## Why Play Five-Reel Slots?

For fans of traditional spinning reel slots, five-reel machines offer many advantages. The first and most obvious is how frequently the machines pay out. [Five reels and 20 paylines add up to more payline combinations, which add up to more wins more often.](#) Not sure about how and why the five-reel machine you're playing is paying you? Take a look at the graphic in this article showing different payline combinations. For example, if you bet one line, it's pretty obvious that winning symbols have to line up all across the middle payline. If you play two or three lines, the winning symbols need to line up on either the top or bottom reel, respectively. But once you start to play more lines, the possible winning combinations grow and grow. [Just follow the different colors for the different lines to see how the symbols can line up in all kinds of ways to pay lucky customers more often.](#) With so many different ways to win, you can see why five-reel 20-payline machines are becoming more and more popular with players all over the country.

But there are other good reasons slot players should give five-reel machines a try. When we asked IGT, the manufacturer of **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots, **Vice President for Product Development Jean Venneman** put it best.

"Five-reel machines offer more excitement, betting flexibility and variety, so they appeal to three-reel players who might not be ready to move onto video machines."

So if you're a fan of the traditional three-reel slots and are looking to put a little more spice in your casino routine, give these five-reel slots a try. You might find that these machines are just the ticket to rev up your gaming experience.

**Red Hot Jackpots™** slots are different because they're five-reel, 20-payline machines, but they're also the first multi-level progressive spinning reel slot machines produced by IGT, and the company wanted to make players instantly comfortable with these new slots. Not only are the game themes familiar, but there's no doubt that you'll immediately recognize the bar and 7 symbols on the reels.

As Venneman says, "**Red Hot Jackpots™** slots are the first multi-level progressive specifically designed for spinning reel slots, and we wanted it to have sort of a retro feel, so we used traditional slot symbols and some of our most popular traditional pay tables."

The game themes, slot symbols and pay tables may be familiar, but long-time slot players who haven't experienced the excitement of playing on a bank of multi-level progressive machines are really in for an amazing surprise. Nothing compares to the thrill of entering the progressive level bonuses, seeing the signs flash, hearing the bells, and watching the free spins and credits accumulate.

### **Where to Play Red Hot Jackpots™ Slots**

With all these outstanding features, you can see why casino players are more and more excited by these five-reel slots. Casinos across Southern California are anticipating their popularity too. Just look at the following list of where you can play **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots as of March 1, 2007.

- Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino in Lakeside, near San Diego
- Casino Pauma in Pauma Valley, near San Diego
- Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, near Palm Springs
- Soboba Casino in San Jacinto

- Valley View Casino in Valley Center, near San Diego
- Viejas Casino & Outlet Center in Alpine, near San Diego
- Morongo Casino Resort Spa, near Palm Springs
- Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage, Palm Springs
- Augustine Casino in Coachella, near Palm Springs
- Pala Casino Spa Resort in Pala near San Diego
- San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino in Highland, San Bernardino
- Santa Ysabel Resort Casino, near San Diego
- Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs
- Sycuan Resort & Casino in El Cajon, near San Diego

So whether you're a three-reel slot player looking for more winning opportunities, a video slot player looking for a little more variety, or a MegaJackpots® fan ready to experience the newest exciting progressive, here is the latest thrilling slot for you. If you haven't tried five-reel multi-level progressives, what are you waiting for? With so many ways to win, we're sure you'll agree **Red Hot Jackpots™** slots are hot...Hotter...HOTTEST!