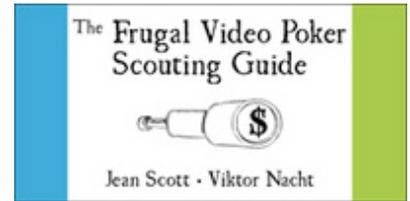


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## The Frugal Video Poker Scouting Guide

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### Determining Returns of Video Poker Games

Guide Rating - ★★★★★

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One thing that separates Video Poker from regular slots is that you can determine the overall pay back of the machine by reading the pay table listed on the front of the machine. This is easier said than done because unless you are familiar with a pay schedule you would have to copy down the pay schedule and then analyze it with one of the video poker tutorial software programs. This chore has now been eliminated by Jean Scott and Victor Nacht with the publication of the Frugal Video Poker Scouting Guide.

### The Bottom Line

This is a great product for anyone who travels to different casinos playing video poker. Nobody can memorize every single pay schedule for every video poker game. I don't know how many times I have found a video poker pay schedule that I was unfamiliar with. In the past I had to write down so I could run it through my software at home to find out the return. Now I can just flip open my Frugal Video Poker Scouting Guide and get the answer. Authors Jean Scott and Victor Nacht have produced a very product that will be useful to all video poker players. The guide sells for \$19.99. This might seem high for some player but the time saved by having the information at your finger tips is worth the investment.

### The Guide

The Frugal Video Poker Scouting Guide is a handy reference tool designed to make finding profitable video poker games in any casino easy for everyone. It contains nearly 200 pay schedules for 37 of the most popular video poker games. It is perfect for anyone who plays video poker. The guide is 34 pages in a spiral bound booklet that is 3 ½ x 7 inches long. It fits easily into a pocket.

### The Pay Tables and Volatility Rating

For each Video poker game listed on a page there is a table that shows a range of the most common pay tables that you will find in the casinos across the country. Games are grouped by type and there is also an alphabetical listing in the index at the back of the book. A yellow shaded line highlights the most common places for pay schedule changes.

Volatility is the short term up and down fluctuation of your bankroll. Video Poker can be very volatile because you will usually have more small wins than the infrequent jackpot such as the Royal Flush. Some games have more volatility than others. Each game listed in the Frugal scouting Guide has a volatility rating denoted by one or more \$ signs.

### Return Percentages

The row at the bottom of the table tells you the long term theoretical return percentage. For instance looking at the Jack or Better game you can quickly see that the 9/6 pay schedule has a return of 99.54% while the 6/5 pay schedule only offers a return of 95%. The highest return percentage for the pay schedule of each game is printed in green. This denotes the "Full Pay" schedule.

Under the Return percentage line of the chart you will find the "Break Even" figure for games with a progressive jackpot. This is the point where the pay return exceeds 100 percent as the progressive increases.

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