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Pachinko Machine Restoration



Synopsis

A step-by-step guide to restoring a vintage pachinko machine. Over 350 full color images and instruction help guide you through the complete process of restoring a vintage or antique pachinko machine from the pachinko parlors of Japan. This ebook was updated on 11/25/2014 to address formatting issues with newer devices. This book is produced by <http://pachinkoplanet.com>

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Customer Reviews

I had a Pachinko Machine as a kid and played the heck out of it. So naturally, part of my mid life crisis was to buy a pachinko machine and clean it up. After meeting a bunch of crazies on www.pachitalk.com, I actually got the hair brained idea of replacing the playing field to get rid of the old yellow stained one that came with the machine. I mean, cleaning up is one thing, but taking the thing completely apart?!!!!????!!!!MADNESS!!!! This book was the sanity that was needed. Fully illustrated, great tips, Easy to follow. This book is based on a Nishijin Model "B" Vintage Pachinko machine which is the most commonly imported Vintage Pachinko machine available. If you have

another make or model machine, there can be quite big difference in the actual parts on the back of the machine, but the basic mechanics are similar so this book is helpful even if you don't have a Nishijin Model "B". The best part of this book covers playfield replacement. This is almost universal across all machines, and is by far the "trickiest" part of a restoration. So where it is REALLY needed, this book delivers regardless of what model you have. This book will never be a best seller. Pachinko Machine restoration is a very niche market. But, if you do have an old Pachinko Machine laying around and you want a 40 to 50 hour project, then this book is indispensable. If you're interested in Pachinko, come visit the crazies at www.pachitalk.com. We'll introduce you to our hobby.

I'd give it 5 stars but it's missing a very important chapter for us novices - how does the thing work, and once you've rebuilt it, how do you know it's working properly? Also, how do you adjust it? Fortunately I found Dan Reed's excellent website, [...], that answers those questions and includes a couple of videos. As for Mr. King's book, it's great if you are going to do a total restoration - tear it down to zero and make it look like a "new" vintage machine when you're done. The photos embedded in the book are excellent and saved me from having to take a lot of my own photos. But before starting a project like this, you need to be clear on what your objective is. Do you want to sell it for \$300? If so, follow the book in detail. In my case, I wanted something my grandkids could have fun with, so I was able to bypass a lot of steps required to really clean and polish the machine. Grandkids don't care if it sparkles, it just needs to work!

My dad bought two Nishijin machines in the early '70s because he had spent a lot of time in Pachinko parlors in Japan when he was on R&R during the Korean war. I thought of them as boat anchors, and they nearly got sold for pennies on ebay, but something called to me and I am making great progress with their restoration with the fantastic help that James' e-book provides. His explanations are very clear, and the order in which the machine is disassembled and reassembled was obviously a hard fought learning process that I don't thankfully have to figure out. I agree that the pictures could have better resolution but that is not a hinderance--I've got the machine in front of me to compare and his pictures provide the references I need to figure out what to do. I recommend taking your own pictures along the way because of the variants of machines...mine aren't exactly the same as the one James works on and I have had to go back to my pictures to recall what hardware went where and what the part orientations were. One tip--polishing the chrome front frame and other metal parts using just a cream chrome cleaner was not enough to really clean and shine

up the metal. I used a mixture of Turtle Wax chrome polish and Barkeeper's Friend, which is like Ajax but with a synthetic abrasive, and that mixture removes all the surface dirt and rust but doesn't scratch the chrome. Another tip I learned from videos on restoring vintage computers is to soak rusted hardware in white vinegar, sold in gallon jugs at the grocery store, overnight. The rust wipes off and then the part can be polished to look almost new with chrome polish. I also found springs, e-clips and push-on nuts at Orchard Supply Hardware to replace the rusted items that were too fussy to deal with. James also does a good job dealing with the lights and electrical connections. I'm using a wall wart 9VDC transformer to power the lights. The relay contacts and light bulb sockets need cleaning to get them to work and it takes some tracing of wires to figure out what relay controls what light. An ohmmeter is essential to check bulbs and getting the circuits to work. I am having fun doing this and it's James' book that is enabling me to bring these machines back to life in honor of my dad. Thanks so much James!

I have 3 machines and decided to start with my Nishijin since it was nearly identical to the one in the book. This book was extremely helpful in providing tips and also warnings of things that can go wrong. I read it on my kindle fire and didn't have any of the issues that other reviewers had with formatting. Also I thought the photos were fine. I'm about 75% done with my restoration and it's given me the confidence to start pulling my other machines apart.

If you are thinking of restoring a vintage pachinko machine, you need to read this book before you do anything else! Mr. King provides several techniques that will be invaluable in the disassembly and restoration of these machines! I decided after reading this book not to proceed with further restoration of my machine. I think that I can live with my dingy playfield for at least a little while longer. I knew replacing it would be a lot of work, but I had no idea the scope of the project! I will probably use his tips for refinishing spinners though!

There simply is not a to properly restore a pachinko machine with out this book! Just an incredible resource available.

This is the perfect book to help fix your vintage machines, it is a quick reference guide too. Thank you for writing it.

This is the only restoration manual of it's kind that I could find. It's always available on Kindle and I

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