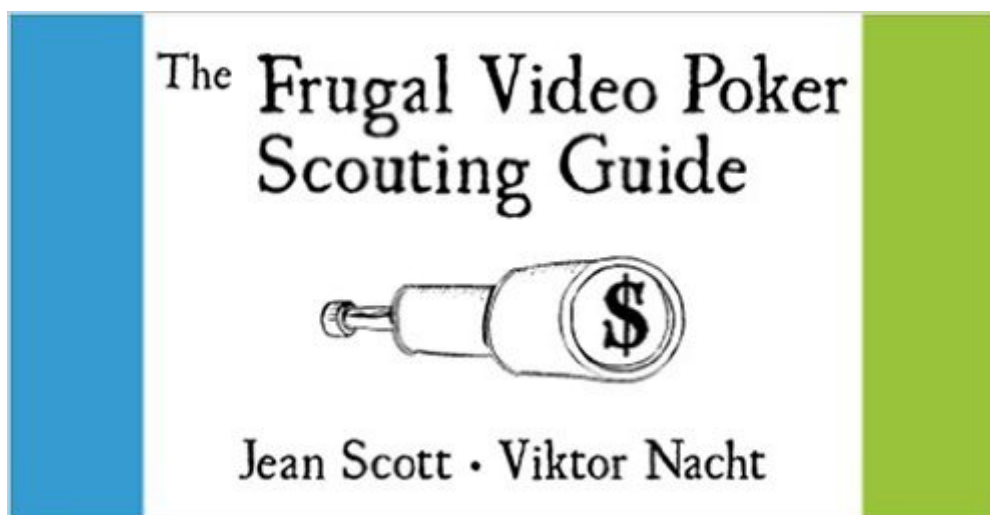


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# The Frugal Video Poker Scouting Guide



## Synopsis

This guide is a handy reference tool designed to make finding profitable video poker games in any casino easy for everyone from the beginner to the expert video poker player. It contains nearly 200 pay schedules for 37 of the most popular video poker games and details the return for each schedule, approximate royal progressive break-even points, a measure of the game's volatility, and much more. Just 3.5 inches tall and 7 inches long, it is made of durable paper and is spiral bound so that it can be opened to any page and folded over while scouting for a particular game. Easy to use and easy to carry, there is nothing like this available on the market, but anyone who plays video poker for fun or profit should have one.

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## Customer Reviews

This may seem a little pricey for what you get (3.5" x 7" inches, and 34 pages), but if you consider the time it would take you to compile 37 VP games and almost 200 pay tables, into a compact little easy to read notebook that you can carry with you to the casinos...it's really a bargain, and a necessary tool for any recreational or serious VP player. The guide is essential for separating the good VP machines from the bad ones. There are nine pay tables for Deuces Wild that range from 100.76% to 94.82% returns, eight pay tables for Jacks or Better, seven pay tables for Double Bonus Poker, nine for Double Double Bonus Poker, eight for Joker Poker, and many more. The progressive totals are also a nice feature of the guide. Most of us wouldn't touch a Jacks or Better machine that only had a 95% return, but did you know that you could play it if it was a progressive and paid \$3,085 or more? It's the little things like that, and the Multi-Strike and Super Times Pay return percentages that show this was a well thought out guide. I only have one small complaint about the

guide; I wish it were about one or two inches shorter so that it could fit in your back pocket without sticking out. The longer pay tables could easily be continued on the next page, and if they had to add a couple of pages to the guide to compensate for shortening the pages, that wouldn't really be a problem since it is only about an eighth of an inch thick. Jean or Viktor, hope your listening ;) )

This book is exactly what it claims to be. It's a pocket guide that takes the guess work out of determining the payback percentage on all the popular video poker games and then some. The volatility ratings are a nice touch and are very helpful in determining what games to play based on the size of your bankroll.

Finally - just the book I've been waiting for. As long as I've been playing video poker, I've yearned for handy listing of the percent payback for the various games and paytables associated with them. I'd even started building the tables myself from numerous books on the subject of Video Poker. My efforts were never satisfactory because I never seemed to have the value for the machine I was standing in front of at the time - i.e. when I really needed it. This book is nearly perfect. It has numerous percentages for all (I haven't found one missing yet) each of the popular games that you find in casinos these days with various permutations of their paytables - sadly these are mostly NOT to the players advantage, but the authors' can't be faulted for that. My only complaint is the spiral-bound book is a smidge long for the average man's pocket and has a lame textual style for the little prose it contains that uses a sailor-schtick which I found a bit inappropriate. However, you don't buy this for the prose - you buy it for the NUMBERS and the numbers are just fine.

Good little booklet. I have used it several times to check on the pay tables on the casinos that I go to. Now I do not need to write those tables down and have to wait until I get home to check them on a computer.

I used to print volumes of paper to try to carry this information with me to the casinos. This handy little guide replaces all of that.

I carry this guide around in my purse all the time when I am in Vegas. It has been a tremendous help in deciding which video poker machines I want to use. Thank you Jean Scott.

While the book is pricey for its length, the idea is interesting. It verifies that casinos have tweaked

video poker machines to make the odds worse.

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