

Checklist when buying a pinball machine

Pinball name: _____

Date: _____

- Playfield - wear, cracks, scratches, loose paint, bubbles in Mylar, inserts at the level of playfield?
Note: _____
- Check the switches on the playfield - do they register hits during game play or do switch test from the menu.
Note: _____
- Targets on the playfield broken, missing?
Note: _____
- Plastic details on the playfield broken, missing?
Note: _____
- Back Glass / Translite condition - loose paint, scratches or damage due to temperature heating / cooling?
Note: _____
- Displays - all dots lit bright, weak edges or lines, can be seen easily when the game is cold before the display has become hot?
Note: _____
- Ramps - intact and without cracks?
Note: _____
- Any error codes shown when booting up machine - If dot appear after credits or see "Test report" in display error codes is present?
Note: _____
- Cabinet / Backbox - Sun-bleached, scribbles, scratches, wear at the fixing points for pinball legs?
Note: _____
- Are there keys to the cabinet / backbox?
Note: _____
- Are there manual, wiring diagram?
Note: _____
- Any lamps broken - many or few lamps - serious fault? - In attract mode, all lights shall blink - perform lamp test?
Note: _____
- Rubber rings - Appearance, color?
Note: _____
- How is the flippers condition - weak, flutters, shall go the same distance up - survey pinball mechanism for worn parts, EOS contact?
Note: _____
- ROM version - appears when booting the machine?
Note: _____
- PCB - Look for burnt contacts, components?
Note: _____
- Sound - do sound card, speakers works - listen to audio quality - an audio signal at the start refers to no problems with the sound system?
Note: _____
- Pinball features - Play a number of matches on the pinball to ensure that all functions are working as they shall?
Note: _____
- Plunger - not be sluggish, shall hit the center of the ball and push the ball all way out on playfield or through a ramp?
Note: _____
- Bumper / Sling shots - to be lively and quick?
Note: _____
- Inspect the underside of the playfield - are there any provisional repairs - any device damaged or missing?
Note: _____
- Are there coin mechanism for local coins in the door on the front, coin door?
Note: _____
- Pinball legs - the right sort for the machine, any damage and not too much rust?
Note: _____

Items that should be gone through when buying a pinball machine to identify any shortcomings. These questions I have used myself when purchasing a pinball machine and they may be used to help at your own risk. Any purchase of a pinball machine is done on your own responsibility!

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