

# SKEE-BALL®

*Classic*



*The game they keep  
coming back to ...*



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## The Most Popular Amusement Game of All Time...

Generations of players have grown up enjoying Skee-Ball. Invented in 1909, the first alleys were 36 feet long and required some strength to play. In 1928, the size of the alley was reduced to 14 feet, making the game more accessible to players of all ages. Tremendous popularity resulted, and in 1932 the first National Skee-Ball Tournament was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1967, automatic ticket dispensers were added to the alley. By 1974, Skee-Ball became "State of the Art" as electronic alleys were introduced to the market. High quality sound effects and musical selections were available on Skee-Ball

beginning in 1981. In 1986, a four player game was made available to allow for new levels of competitive play. New electronic componentry, which allows operators to reprogram all game settings on location, was incorporated into the alley in 1988.

Each year we continue to make improvements to Skee-Ball which will make the game more profitable, easier to operate, and more fun to play. Our reputation for quality has been built over more than seventy-five years, and our commitment to producing the highest quality products will continue into the twenty-first century.

### Standard Features on All Models

**Skee-Ball Alleys are available in both 10 foot and 13 foot lengths.** *All alleys are built to ensure minimum maintenance and enduring visual appeal. Skee-Ball is microprocessor controlled and features nine different and exciting sounds which are triggered by scoring balls, gutter balls and high scores. All Alleys are equipped with the following standard features:*

- **Single Ball System** which allows the game to operate with as little as one ball.
- **100 Point Bonus Pockets.**
- **Top Mounting Ticket Dispenser** for easy loading, ticket meter and validation feature. "Help" displayed on scoreboard for dispenser trouble with no loss of score.
- **Fast Field Programming Features:** 0-9 coins per game; 0-9 tickets at each win level; Win levels from 10-900; Free game score.
- **Unbreakable Lexan Display** panel prevents damage from stray balls.
- **Ball indicator display** registers each ball.
- **Electronic components easily serviceable** from the front.
- **Choice of coin or token.**
- **Diagnostic features** for maintenance ease.
- **Lexan channel Cover.**
- **Front Net Assembly** (Standard on 10 foot models only).

*The compact size has been specifically designed for use in smaller entertainment facilities such as family entertainment centers, shopping mall arcades and home recreation rooms.*



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STANDARD SKEE-BALL FEATURES...

## Optional Skee-Ball Features:

### Options Available:

- Skee-Ball Progressive Jackpot
- Lexan front cover
- Front Net Assembly for 13 foot models  
(standard on 10 foot models)
- Multi mechanism capabilities
- 220 Volt Conversion
- Custom Display Panels



**The Skee-Ball Progressive Jackpot** is designed to increase playing excitement and profits! A colorful jackpot display keeps track of the extra tickets which players can win if they achieve the "jackpot" score determined by the operator. The jackpot, linked to as many as twelve alleys, increase in value every time players insert a coin into any Skee-Ball player station. The jackpot continues to grow until someone wins!

*The Skee-Ball Jackpot can be added to existing model "S" alleys. Ask your sales representative for details.*

*Jackpot Sign: 48" wide x 32" high x 9" deep; Mounted Height: 114", Weight: 100 pounds.*

### Specifications:

**Power:** 3 AMPS, 120 VAC, 1 Phase

#### Dimensions:

**13 Foot Alleys:** 13 feet long x 78½ inches high x 30 inches wide; Uncrated: 350=lbs, Crated=425 lbs.

**10 Foot Alleys:** 10 feet long x 78½ inches high x 30 inches wide; Uncrated=310 lbs, Crated= 385 lbs.

### Shipping Information:

Alleys are shipped in four easily assembled parts: back cabinet, front support, front runway and net frame.

When 8 to 14 alleys are shipped to one location, exclusive use of a truck is the most economical method of transportation. The savings in crating costs per alley usually offsets the additional freight cost.

# Standard Features of All Models



The perfect contour and rigidity of the Ball-Hop is designed for proper ball trajectory.

1/4" thick cork carpet gives true and accurate ball play.

Special plastic banking strips give perfect ball rebound.

Cabinet constructed of 7 ply resin bonded weather-proof plywood for enduring good looks and strength.

Front cabinet support of heavy gauge steel prevents balls from rolling under alley while maintaining solid contour lines.

Special white solid rubber ball pockets absorb the impact of the ball and prevent ball from bouncing out.

Special machine-knotted Fish-Net encloses the scoring area to contain balls in scoring space.

Coin mechanism can be adapted to accept a wide variety of coins or tokens including foreign coins.

Coin Box is constructed of folded and welded sheet steel to prevent easy entry.

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# Skee-Ball History

**1909:** Skee-Ball invented and patented by J.D. Estes of Philadelphia.

**1914:** First Skee-Ball Alleys sold and distributed to the Outdoor Amusement Industry market by Maurice Piesen. Measuring 36 feet long, the alleys were quite large; as a result, the potential playing market was restricted since the game required some strength to play.



**1928:** Size of alley reduced by more than half . . . to 14 feet. Tremendous popularity achieved as the shortened version widened its range of appeal. Now the game was accessible to women, children, and the elderly.

**1932:** First national Skee-Ball tournament held in Atlantic City Arcade.

**1935:** Wurlitzer Company acquired Skee-Ball rights from Piesen.

**1945:** Philadelphia Toboggan Company acquired the copyright, patents, and all rights for the exclusive manufacturing of Skee-Ball Alleys from Wurlitzer.

Prior to '45, Skee-Ball Alleys had been manufactured by assembly line production. Philadelphia Toboggan Company replaced the assembly line pro-

duction with a process in which craftsmanship played a greater role; each machine received a total of 55 dedicated hours of specialized work before it was completed.

**1967:** Automatic Ticket Dispenser is designed creating the potential for more games per hour.

**1974:** Skee-Ball achieved "State of the Art" as electronic alleys are introduced to the market.

**1977:** Philadelphia Toboggan Company forms Skee-Ball Inc. Applying the same meticulous care in the construction of the Skee-Ball Alley, Skee-Ball Inc. manufactures four different models with various options from the no frills Alley to the top-of-the-line digital, solid state machine.



**1981:** Skee-Ball introduces state-of-the-art audio alleys, with high quality sound effects and musical selections of the customer's choosing.

**1983:** Responding to the growing demand for smaller alleys, to accommodate youngsters as well as adults, Skee-Ball alleys are available in both



6 ft. and 8 ft. lengths. These offer all the features of the larger alleys.

**1986:** Skee-Ball introduces its four player game which includes, among other new features, the capability of dispensing point-winning tickets, to make the game more competitive than ever.

**1988:** Skee-Ball introduces new electronic componentry which allows the operator the ability to reprogram all game settings at his location. This increases flexibility and, ultimately, the profitability of the game.

**Today:** Enthusiasm and widespread acceptance for Skee-Ball continues to increase. There are now 40,000 Skee-Ball Alleys in the United States — and still growing.

## Quality all the way

Skee-Ball's reputation for quality has withstood the test of time. For over three quarters of a century, we have produced games of skill and entertainment that have excited fun-loving people everywhere. Today, we continue to turn out the same type of quality products.

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