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New Product from SANKYO

Fever Star Wars – Advent of Darth Vader

Released!



SANKYO Co., Ltd. is about to release a new pachinko machine Fever Star Wars—Advent of Darth Vader. The new machine will roll out at pachinko parlors nationwide from December 2008 onward.

Lucasfilm’s full cooperation

Star Wars is an immensely popular epic space opera. The series of six *Star Wars* movies released since the 1977 debut have been major hits worldwide. The popularity of *Star Wars* is once again on the rise in Japan this year coinciding with the 30th anniversary since the release of the first *Star Wars* movie in Japan.

In creating *Fever Star Wars—Advent of Darth Vader*, SANKYO benefited from the full cooperation of Lucasfilm covering all elements indispensable for development of a pachinko machine, including use of clips from the original six movies, modifying the characters to suit the pachinko medium, and production of a movie exclusively for pachinko. This new pachinko machine transports players to the spectacular universe of *Star Wars*.

Darth Vader at the heart of the presentation

For this new pachinko machine, the awesomely powerful iconic character of Darth Vader, who is synonymous with the *Star Wars* series, dominates the action. As the game approaches the climax, an enormous *yakumono* figurine of Darth Vader appears to create a truly thrilling experience for the player.

The jackpot probability increases whenever Darth Vader appears, indicating the rising probability of success or during “reach action.” Positioning Darth Vader at the heart of the presentation, this pachinko machine achieves high-impact gaming characteristics with an immediate appeal for players.



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