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Smooth Brain Sunday special Computershare edition!■■■

****You can drop your smooth brain questions below ■ (and cons for the con list!) , but this post might answer some questions!****

WTF is everyone talking about?

[**Here's some more information on the SEC website about DRS- direct registering your shares.**](<https://www.sec.gov/reportspubs/investor-publications/investorpubsholdsechtm.html>)

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Ok so I have been doing some research on computershare as I [outlined in the megathread](https://www.reddit.com/r/GMEJungle/comments/p42cuv/computershare_megathread_drs_direct_registration/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x&context=3) (I copy pasted the educational parts of that below.) And I tried to make it clear that I was moving and direct registering my personal shares that I will be hanging on to for a very long time . That's my personal plan. And I included a disclaimer that I was NOT advocating for this to be a way to "Start MOASS" or anything of the sort. I was clarifying and validating Computershare, and personally moving some shares for my infinity pool.

But the conversation is getting huge and I want to give a safe space for the cons and questions associated with this conversation without being labelled FUD.

■ FUD CONTROL ■

Before we go any further, let me just squash any FUD right now about whether Computershare is a legit company. They are the official transfer agent for Gamestop. [Link to Gamestop investor relations page FAQ](<https://investor.gamestop.com/shareholder-services/investor-faqs>)\- scroll down to the very last question and see for yourself.

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Alright so even though Computershare's interface seems very boomer-like at best (and scammy at worst), it's quite legit (and could use a facelift but I digress..)

Like we saw earlier, Computershare is the transfer agent for Gamestop and is the way for you to Direct Register your shares, or DRS. Doing this puts the stock ownership in your name instead of being held in the broker's street name. This effectively pulls the certificate from the DTC's possession (**which means any associated short positions must be closed**) because you now personally hold*, register, and maintain your shares instead of entrusting your broker. (I don't trust a bitch ■■■■■)

*Note that you can NOT actually get a physical certificate for Gamestop. You can get a printout from your CS account and there are options for ordering framed replicas, or so I've read. **But no physical stock certificates are available for GME investors, so don't expect to get one.**

One of the main benefits of DRS, besides pulling the stock from DTC and closing the associated short positions, is the fact that any dividend issued will go directly to you as a registered shareholder, instead of going to your broker. So you are basically guaranteed delivery of dividends, and much sooner than if you were waiting around for your broker to locate and produce your shares to for your dividend (*glances at estimated SI....* that might take a while...)

■More FUD Control ■

Can I sell my Computershare stock like a normal broker? Does it take longer?

[Here's the CS Direct Stock Handbook](<https://cda.computershare.com/Content/7e2c2c4c-aeb6-4614-83a3-b67e32756a78>)

. Here's a copy paste from it:

* A Participant may sell all or a portion of the shares credited to his or her DirectStock account at any time by submitting a request to Computershare online. Methods described below may not all be available at the time of your transaction. At the time of sale, available methods shall be displayed online.

* **A day limit order** (an order to sell shares when and if the stock reaches a specific price on a specific day) is automatically cancelled if the price is not met by the end of that trading day (or, for orders placed outside of market hours, the next trading day). Depending on the number of shares being sold and current trading volume in the shares, such an order may only be partially filled, in which case the remainder of the order will be cancelled. The order may be cancelled by the applicable stock exchange, by Computershare at its sole discretion or, if Computershare's broker has not filled the order, at a Participant's request made online

* **For a good-til-cancelled (GTC) limit order (an order to sell shares when and if the stock reaches a specific price at any time while the order remains open (generally up to 30 days)),** depending on the number of shares being sold and current trading volume in the shares, sales may be executed in multiple transactions and over more than one day. If shares trade on more than one day, a separate fee will be charged for each day. The order (or any unexecuted portion thereof) is automatically cancelled if the price is not met by the end of the order period. The order may be cancelled by the applicable stock exchange, by Computershare at its sole discretion or, if Computershare's broker has not filled the order, at a Participant's request made online.

* For any orders not designated as one of the order types set forth above, Computershare may, in its sole discretion, treat such order as a market order or batch order (an accumulation of sales requests for a security submitted together as an aggregated request). Batch order sales will be processed no later than five business days after the date on which the order is received by Computershare, assuming the relevant markets are open and sufficient market liquidity exists (and except where deferral is required under applicable federal or state laws or regulations). Sales proceeds will equal the weighted average sale price obtained by Computershare's broker for all shares sold in such batch on the applicable trade date or dates, net of taxes and fees. Any such orders received by Computershare are final and cannot be stopped or cancelled. For an additional fee, a participant may choose additional proceeds delivery option which may be available. These include electronic funds transfer and foreign currency disbursement (subject to additional terms and conditions).

So you can set limit orders, and they settle in T+2 just like any other broker.

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So what are some cons to Direct registering your shares?

A few I can think of- while you CAN limit order your shares and they execute in T+2 just like any broker (reminder that CS is **NOT** a broker but a Transfer Agent)... **you are limited to the amount per order,

depending on whether your request is online or written and mailed.**

Overall **it takes time to implement transactions with Computershare because they are not a broker and are not designed to primarily cater to retail with their interface and operations.** They deal mainly with corporate inside investors and the like (where do you think Ryan Cohen holds his shares? ■) So keep in that in mind- that's why you keep seeing this conversation in relation to infinity pool shares.

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Another recurring "con" comment I'm seeing is that registering your shares with Computershare pulls the shorts out of circulation in such a way that it gives the short sellers time to unwind the shorts and ultimately reduces their obligation (and causes MOASS to lose steam- remember this is speculation at this point) . I'm not speaking to the validity of that claim because I'm trying to smooth it down to understand, but I want an open space to explore these kinds of discussions and find/provide/share the accompanying resources to the claims to fight the FUD.

Remember none of this is Financial Advice and to take everything you read with a grain of salt!

■**I also want to quickly note that this is not a "sudden" or "new" conversation**. It's just now gaining traction. People have been posting about it for months [(like this link where OP points out that Overstock also uses Computershare)](https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/ocezn4/was_reading_about_the_overstock_crypto_dividend/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x&context=3 ;))

Dr. T first tweeted about it in May (aside from writing about it in her book, more on that later.)

As u/StonkU2 [pointed out yesterday](https://www.reddit.com/r/GMEJungle/comments/p42cuv/computershare_megathread_drs_direct_registration/h8whgcj?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x&context=3), this was a conversation he had at length with Dr. T which resulted in us ("us" being the SS mod team) assigning an internal DD team to investigate Computershare (this was during the vote campaign). That endeavor quickly fizzled out and went nowhere, but it has been nagging at me ever since, and especially since coming to the Jungle.

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Dr. T writes about Direct Registration in her book Naked Short and Greedy and even talks about the CMKM/CMKX topic- when shareholders direct registered their stocks and exposed the phantom shares in circulation. *That case was quite different from GME though in that CMKM was a scam penny stock when you get down to it. The shareholders were ripped off because of this- Gamestop is different because it's not anywhere near bankruptcy with it's billis in liquid cash*.■■■■

But it's a very interesting story, as long as you remember the key differences with GME!

[\"Certificates\" being direct registered shares-DRS- which in GME's case, is Computershare](<https://preview.redd.it/3kd2tfvxyjh71.jpg?width=1080&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=0ce01be6a77766190311f5372c710f958d75fd42>)

[Link to the twitter thread with Dr. T from June](<https://twitter.com/SusanneTrim bath/status/1405562957832941573?s=20>).

She also addresses a little further down that twitter thread the fact that this withdraws the stock from the DTC. (Still wondering if that's the good thing we think it is so I look forward to learning more!)

Alright so let's really get down to the nitty gritty of Computershare!

Ask your questions/List your cons below ■■■■(and include your sources please so we can all learn!)