Title: How Magneto Found His Helmet: The mechanics of a dividend and how Gamestop can dilute shares after the dividend for maximum value to maximize long term value for sharehodlers.
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* **Announcement date**: Dividends are announced by company management on the announcement day (or declaration date) and must be approved by the shareholders before they can be paid.
* **Ex-dividend date**: The date on which the dividend eligibility expires is called the ex-dividend date or simply the ex-date. For instance, if a stock has an ex-date of Monday, May 5, then shareholders who buy the stock on or after that day will NOT qualify to get the dividend because they are buying it on or after the dividend expiry date. Shareholders who own the stock one business day prior to the ex-date—that is on Friday, May 2, or earlier—will receive the dividend.
* **Record date**: The record date is the cutoff date, established by the company in order to determine which shareholders are eligible to receive a dividend or distribution.
* **Payment date**: The company issues the payment of the dividend on the payment date, which is when the money gets credited to investors' accounts.5

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The **Announcement Date** is the day they let everyone know the ex-dividend date, date of record, payment date, and dividend amount.

An **Ex-dividend Date** is the day after the last day to buy the stock to be paid a dividend(you want to own it the day before this date if you want to be paid a dividend).

The **Date of Record** is how long you need to hold the stock in order to be paid a dividend.

The **Payment Date** is the day you get the money or stock deposited into your stock account.

How GameStop can capitalize on a stock dividend:

Theoretically: **if** there is a 7 for 1 split, GameStop could dilute shares after the **ex-dividend date** and before the **payment date** without having to pay a dividend on the shares they dilute, while **theoretically** capitalizing on any type of upward volatility from a dividend that prices it beyond what they feel is "fair market value" given the potential of the company.

It is my belief that even if the stock dividend were to be 5 dividend stocks:1 computer share stock, at a short interest over 20%, the short interest**(IN THEORY)** would suddenly jump beyond 100%(in **theory**) due to the number of shares the short sellers would need to locate before payment date. In my opinion, the wild card here would be "what if" short sellers decide to short the stock after the ex-dividend date and before the payment date. To which I would ask, "is an institution really going to short something while everyone is panicking to get out of the short selling door during the middle of a possible options and swaps gamma ramp?"

Something else to consider: If GameStop capitalizes on a well timed dilution, they would **theoretically** be more unshortable because they would have even more cash on hand that they could potentially use to pay a dividend if the share price drops too much again(or buybacks).

There are a lot of numbers, and I don't think anyone is going to want to get caught up in the volatility should there be a split... If we could get someone with wrinkles to give their input it would be greatly appreciated...

Disclosure: I am Long GME and own shares, and intend to buy more. Nothing I said is investment advice, I am not a financial advisor, and this is for entertainment purposes only.

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