

Should You Buy the Nintendo Switch?

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I have been playing Nintendo consoles since I was 6 years old. I first played games offered by Nintendo Game Boy Advance and, as the years went by, I moved on to the Nintendo Ds then the Nintendo Wii. I own every single console ever made by Nintendo, except the Nintendo Wii-U because it would have been redundant. Having been a huge Nintendo fan my entire life and based on my experience with the consoles, I can attest that the Nintendo Switch is well worth the money and just may be the best console that they have ever produced. If you have not bought a Nintendo Switch yet, allow me to share with you why I did.

The Nintendo Switch is not any run of the mill console. Yes, it outputs video of your games to a television just like any other console, but it has one added benefit, portability. Haven't you ever wanted to just take your PS4 or Xbox One anywhere at any time, but cannot because it must be tethered to a television at all times? Well, the Switch has you backed up since

the Switch not only outputs to a television screen, but it is also a tablet that allows you to play video games anywhere and at any time on the built in screen.

Ever notice how creative Nintendo's hardware is compared to the competition? They were one of the first to have an analog stick fully integrated into a console in the 90s on the Nintendo 64, they were the first to fully integrate motion control gaming into a console with the Wii, and in the recent past, they were the first to make a console that is fully portable and still have it pack a graphics punch. All of these firsts make the Nintendo brand stand out and pop beside the others because they can be wacky and zany at times. Without that creative workspace Nintendo has cultivated, the brand would not be worth the price. The newest console from the gaming icon, the Nintendo Switch, is well worth the money and then some.

As of January 2019, in just under two years, the Nintendo Switch has sold 32.27 million units worldwide. Why does that number matter to you? It matters because it speaks of the quality of the product and how well loved it is. The Nintendo Switch has had some of the most creative games this generation of gaming has seen and I do not think that they are going to be slowing down any time soon! The Nintendo Switch is Nintendo's *tour de force*.

Nintendo has always had amazing games that can be played exclusively on their consoles. Nintendo has taken all of their intellectual properties from over the years and packed this hybrid console to the brim with these games. Mario has seen a revival in the gaming market with the release of Super Mario Odyssey that takes the franchise back to the Super Mario 64 days and hones in on what makes a Mario game good, the fun factor. Zelda has also been completely changed for the Nintendo Switch with the new release entitled The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. This title took the series out of its stale routine and helped it to flourish again with an open world concept and a brand new weapon system that makes the game feel like an

entirely new beast! The final, really big exclusive game that millions were excited about in the Switch was the release of Pokémon Let's Go Pikachu and Let's Go Eevee. These games took the series in a new direction and introduced new and young fans to the amazing world of Pokémon.

Now to the slight downsides of the Nintendo Switch. The PS4 and Xbox One are more powerful in the graphics department, but like I said earlier they are always tied to a television. The Switch's portability is a gimmick for sure, just like the Wii was with its motion controls. Instead of sitting on the couch all day playing your sports games or shooting games, you can now take the Nintendo Switch on long trips, and even go off into the wilderness with your handy portable console to keep you entertained, if that is what you fancy! The portability makes the console versatile, which is unrivaled by its competitors. Obviously that portability hinders performance compared to the other modern consoles. It can only output 1080p on the television and the resolution in tablet mode can fluctuate but the lack of power in the Switch is not a major hindrance. I mean, who wouldn't want to take their games anywhere at any time?

If you have always loved Mario, Zelda, and Pokémon and are lucky to have \$300 to spend on a brand new console, then the Nintendo Switch is for you. If you don't have \$300, but you are an avid gamer, be sure to save up and you will not regret it!