

Video Game System Comparison Chart

Before you make the move to a new gaming system, learn more with the help of this handy chart.



		Xbox 360	Xbox 360 Core			
Overview	A hardcore gamer's dream machine and home entertainment centerpiece, Sony's new console features amazing graphic performance, Blu-ray HD output, a hard drive (choose from two sizes), and robust online play options.	Microsoft's next-generation Xbox is a do-everything gaming and entertainment console that wows with awesome HD output, access to the massively fun Xbox Live online gaming community, and exclusive, must-have titles.		Nintendo's newest system is a for-the-whole-family affair that lives by the idea that gaming should be easy for everyone. It all starts with the console's amazingly fun and functional motion-sensitive nunchuck controller and the included Wii Sports game.	One of the best-selling gaming consoles ever, the Sony PS2 boasts a massive game library, online play options, and is a DVD player, too.	Microsoft's first foray into the console world is a powerful gaming machine that has gained a loyal following thanks to popular exclusive titles and online play via Xbox Live. (Note: Original Xbox hardware may be hard to come by, but games are still readily available.)
Cool Thing	The PS3's "SIXAXIS" controller contains tilt-sensing technology for motion-sensitive gameplay.	Download demos, game trailers, and much more, from Xbox Live Marketplace.		Access games from the systems of the past, including Nintendo 64, SNES, NES and more.	With tons of games available, you'll be hard-pressed to run out of gaming options.	Low price-point for those who can't live without Halo and Halo 2 , or Xbox Live.
HD-enabled Learn more about HD.	Yes, is also a Blu-ray player	Yes		No	No	No
Hard Drive	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Online Play	Yes, built-in	Yes, built-in		Yes, built-in	Yes, built-in	Yes, but limited
Downloadable Content	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No
Backward Compatible	Yes, almost entirely compatible with PS2 and PS one games	Yes, almost entirely compatible with Xbox games		Yes, entirely compatible with GameCube games	Yes, almost entirely compatible with PS one games	N/A
Parental Controls	Yes	Yes, learn more		Yes	Yes	Yes
Price	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$



HANDHELDS

Looking for gaming fun, but with something portable? Try a handheld system. There are three main options:

Sony PSP



Nintendo DS



Game Boy Advance SP



Overview

It's both a high-tech gaming system and a take-anywhere movie machine sporting impressive graphics, a wide range of games, and movie playback thanks to UMD discs.

This double-screen wonder from Nintendo has cool, fun-for-anyone titles, wi-fi gaming options, Mario and much more!

Though it's been out for a while, the GBA SP is a worthwhile system considering its tons of available games and low price.

