

Nintendo unveils new Switch game console

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A customer browses the gaming section of Nintendo products in a shop in Tokyo on May 6, 2021.

Nintendo on Tuesday announced its updated Switch hand-held game console would be available in October, after a pandemic year in which gaming activity surged.



The new Switch OLED model will feature a larger, seven-inch screen and launch at a suggested price of \$350 on October 8, the Japanese firm said in a statement.

The device will feature upgraded graphics and memory and include an adjustable stand to allow for play in "tabletop mode" with multiple players,

The new console "is a great option for players who want to experience the new vibrant screen when playing in handheld and tabletop mode," said Nintendo of America president Doug Bowser.

"With the addition of this new model to the Nintendo Switch family of systems, people have an additional choice of a system that best fits the gaming experience they desire."

The Switch, a wildly popular handheld game console, was first released in early 2017 and offers game franchises such as Mario, Donkey Kong, The Legend of Zelda, Animal Crossing and more.

Meet the newest entry to the <u>#NintendoSwitch</u> family! Nintendo Switch (OLED model) brings the versatility of the Nintendo Switch experience with a vibrant 7-inch OLED screen, a wide adjustable stand, and more. Nintendo Switch (OLED model) releases on 10/8.https://t.co/zRpGxakJDn pic.twitter.com/Tsc55r35ay

— Nintendo of America (@NintendoAmerica) <u>July 6, 2021</u>

The Switch was the top-selling US console in 2020, a year that saw record sales of video games, consoles and accessories, according to NPD group, a market research firm.



Nintendo reported its highest ever annual profit in 2020 after virus lockdowns caused sales of its blockbuster Switch console to soar.

More information: www.nintendo.com/switch/oled-model/

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