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GameStick \$17/\$20 (in store/online) at Gamestop

By zebular, Jan 04 2015 02:47 AM

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zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 02:47 AM

I know this is an old deal but it just got a lot sweeter, can now fully unlock it and use it as an emulator machine and play HD movie/tv series through XBMC. Can't be beat for under \$20... Made a tutorial on how to enable full android on it.

Buy

GameStick GameStop link:

<http://www.gamestop....ntroller/109154> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gamestop.com%2Fandroid%2Fconsoles%2Fgamestick-stick-and-controller%2F109154&pid=12383535>).

Instructions/Tutorials

Instructional video how to enable full android, step by step (needed links are supplied in video description):

http://youtu.be/fejE39hY1_k (http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FfejE39hY1_k&pid=12383535).

What it comes with and benefits of using TVADDONS through XBMC:

<http://youtu.be/pJV7DrO7TdU> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FpJV7DrO7TdU&pid=12383535>).

Custom Firmware And Patch Downloads

Custom Firmware Rom (THIS IS THE LATEST BUILD):

<http://www.filesonthe.net/BBlFZ> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filesonthe.net%2FBBlFZ&pid=12383535>).

Flash this in recovery mode after flashing the firmware file to enable ethernet with GameStick Dock:

<http://www.tinylinks.co/BEArq> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tinylinks.co%2FBEArq&pid=12383535>).

Credit to Shanti

Emulators/Apps Running On The GameStick

PSP Emulation with PPSSPP On The GameStick:

<http://youtu.be/5RCaWIDutUo> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F5RCaWIDutUo&pid=12383535>).

Nintendo DS Emulation with Drastic:

<http://youtu.be/hyx2Mxir-RU> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2Fhyx2Mxir-RU&pid=12383535>).

N64 Emulation with Mupen64:

http://youtu.be/scQAYMt_oks (http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FscQAYMt_oks&pid=12383535).

NES Emulation with NESoid:

<http://youtu.be/R5znifJkt6k> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FR5znifJkt6k&pid=12383535>).

NeoGeo Emulation with Neo.emu:
<http://youtu.be/r56fzP2V2PI> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2Fr56fzP2V2PI&pid=12383535>)

Highly Recommended Apps

Kodi (formerly xbmc/spmc)
<http://mirrors.xbmc....armeabi-v7a.apk> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmirrors.xbmc.org%2Fdownloads%2Fandroid%2Farm%2Fkodi-14.0-Helix-armeabi-v7a.apk&pid=12383535>)

TVADDONS (how to install to Kodi)
<http://www.tvaddons....l-kodi-android/> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tvaddons.ag%2Finstall-kodi-android%2F&pid=12383535>)

Edited by CheapyD, 29 January 2015 - 02:30 PM.

spOOge Hey guys, I'm a turd! Posted 04 January 2015 - 02:52 AM

Hell with it, I put a hold for pickup. Another toy to add to the pile, but this one may actually get some use.

Thanks!

BTW, link is FUBAR.

zebular OG Gamer Posted 04 January 2015 - 02:56 AM

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If I had to guess you're on a cell, my phone hates links in CAG as well...

Edited by zebular, 04 January 2015 - 02:57 AM.

plus1zero The wall just got 10 feet higher Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:04 AM

I'm intrigued by this weird looking thing. Meh, I'll grab one. Thanks OP.

spOOge Hey guys, I'm a turd! Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:09 AM

zebular, on 04 Jan 2015 - 03:56 AM, said:

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It's working now, the GS link. When I clicked on it a few times it kept popping up Bad Request on GS's site. Maybe it was a CAG referral issue.

zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:10 AM

If you guys need any help converting it to full android hit me up.

anotherpoorgamer Bird's Nest Hair

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:14 AM

Might grab one if I find myself in a Gamestop that has one in stock.

Das_Regal oh god

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:26 AM

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Can always find which ones have inventory through their website:

<http://www.gamestop....true&sku=020382> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gamestop.com%2FBrowse%2FStoreSearch.aspx%3Fstore%3D%26amp%3BfromHold%3Dtrue%26&>

I believe each store has to carry 1 unit. I bought one from a local store and they said it was the only one that had been sitting there for over a year. After I purchased it they got a new one in the next week.

zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:30 AM

Das_Regal, on 04 Jan 2015 - 04:26 AM, said:

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PS1 it does well for sure as I've finished Silent hill on it. N64 runs decent with the proper emulator and settings, haven't tried PSP/DS. All of the emulators can be downloaded through the Google Play Store for free. There's no reason NOT to own one for under \$20 as far as I'm concerned. Hell, if nothing else you can put Netflix, XBMC, Pandora, Twitch etc apps on it.

You can download RetroArch from the Play Store which has a ton of emulators built into it. It's the same emulator that's in the Retron 5 consoles.

SgtWiggles Artist formally known as dgwillia

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:41 AM

Meh, 2 stores nearby have it, did a hold pickup for both. Doesnt seem too hard to mod, and it definitely would be useful for all it could do.

zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:47 AM

SgtWiggles, on 04 Jan 2015 - 04:41 AM, said:

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Yeah, it used to be much harder to modify. You could put it in Dev mode but it was still restricted. Another guy and myself used another android stick firmware with some modifications to the rom to flash over the stock firmware. It's a good thing too as I think PlayJam is going to go out of business and since you have to log in to their website to make an account, once the website goes dead so does all of the use of the stick. With the custom android rom that's not the case. You aren't missing out on the GameStick's store by putting on the custom rom, the GameStick's store is full of crap games that are way over priced that you can get on the google store for cheaper/free.

kube00 Keeping in Cheap since 2005

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:51 AM

Picked one up a few days ago. Gonna play with it this weekend.

Good resources here

<http://hackinformer....w-17-gamestick/> (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fhackinformer.com%2F2014%2F11%2F17%2Fguide-how-to-install-emulators-on-your-new-17-gamestick%2F&pid=12383655>)

kube00 Keeping in Cheap since 2005

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:52 AM

Anyone get the docking station?

zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 03:59 AM

kube00, on 04 Jan 2015 - 04:51 AM, said:

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Don't put it in Dev mode, that's how I used to have mine. It has a lot of drawbacks from a full fledged android install.

etcrane A Damn Fine Cup of Coffee

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:10 AM

Can this run the Dreamcast emulator for Android?

TwelveVolt Nobody from Nowhere

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:16 AM

Hm. Might have to pick one of these up.

kube00 Keeping in Cheap since 2005

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:22 AM

Alright Ill check the tutorials. What are the drawbacks of dev mode? What's the chance of bricking it if I put full Android on it? Can I unflash it eventually if I want to? You can send me a pm if you like

Have you tried Plex on it?

plus1zero The wall just got 10 feet higher

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Major drawback at least for me with Dev mode was that once my gamestick controller lost connection so did my wifi (really odd) and that there's a stupid controller not connected box that pops up and stays in the right corner of the screen after 10mins of controller inactivity. While that 2nd part doesn't sound completely awful it is since if you're watching a movie you will have a huge eye sore on the screen.

As far as bricking risk, I would say it's next to minimal... I've done over 20 units and haven't had a single problem flashing them. If you REALLY want to put the crap OS back on there I can make an image file of the orig OS and you would flash it the same way in recovery as you do the custom firmware.

billyrox

Old Man

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:29 AM

does plex work for this?

zebular

OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:30 AM

plusizero, on 04 Jan 2015 - 05:24 AM, said:

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Oddly I think he deleted his comment about the controller. I kinda cover the DS3 question in the video, you can use a DS3 controller with it hooked up with the supplied USB cable OR you can download an app through the Google App Store called Sixaxis Controller that will let you sync up the DS3 wirelessly. As far as I know the DS4 controller will work wired but not wirelessly, haven't tried it though.

Zeldafanatic15

CAGiversary!

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:30 AM

Well, in for one. Looks like a cool little thing to mess aroubd with, and might be nice for my bedroom TV. Might try to find the dock tomorrow.

zebular

OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:30 AM

billyrox, on 04 Jan 2015 - 05:29 AM, said:

does plex work for this?

Never tried Plex, though if it works on an android based phone it will almost certainly work for this.

LonelyBacteria

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:40 AM

are there any 'official' OS's you can install on this to get similar results?

zebular

OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:42 AM

LonelyBacteria, on 04 Jan 2015 - 05:40 AM, said:

are there any 'official' OS's you can install on this to get similar results?

Nah, only Android. Has a completely different hardware architecture from a pc.

etcrane

A Damn Fine Cup of Coffee

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:46 AM

How much power does this have, what type of android device would it be most comparable to?

zebular

OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:52 AM

Not really sure what to compare it to... Not as powerful as the Ouya.

CPU ARM Cortex A9 Memory 1 GB DDR3 / 8 GB FLASH Storage 8 [GB](#)
(<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGigabyte&pid=12383777>)_internal [flash memory](#)
(http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FFlash_memory&pid=12383777)_Display [HDMI](#)
(<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FHDMI&pid=12383777>)_.
1080p, 720p Graphics Mali-400 MP Input [Bluetooth](#) (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FBluetooth&pid=12383777>)

[url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FBluetooth&pid=12383777](http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FBluetooth&pid=12383777)) Controller input Wireless controller Connectivity

- HDMI
- Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FWi-Fi&pid=12383777>)
- Bluetooth (<http://www.cheapassgamer.com/redirect.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FBluetooth&pid=12383777>) LE 4.0

MrshllJcb Drinkin High Life

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:53 AM

Grabbed one. Have a couple extra dual shock 3's I plan on pairing to run nes, snes and genesis emulators. Thanks op for the guides

zebular OG Gamer

Posted 04 January 2015 - 04:56 AM

It will play 1080p movies without any problems...

I plan on making it a makeshift MAME machine as well. I have a Mortal Kombat edition arcade stick for the xbox 360 that works great for it, mix that with MAME and you have a pretty sweet home MAME rig.

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