
Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Hartland - 2007/07/01 12:32

I made a Handheld Gamecube, and I did have a worklog for it all, but that was on the old forums.. Obviously, that's all gone now (I've got a backup, but I'd require filtering through all the posts).

Pictures can be found at:

<http://www.console-central.com/content/view/1103>

I've been making minor changes over the past few months, and I've started making a brand new back to slim it down a bit.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Macflame - 2007/07/01 12:37

Excellent stuff!

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Andy Savva - 2007/07/01 12:38

Everytime i look at those pics im still amazed. Its great work Ben
<http://img209.imageshack.us/img209/2326/thumbsupdl3.gif>

Post edited by: Blender, at: 2007/07/01 12:38

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Mcfadden - 2007/07/01 12:55

Its impressive as always ben. Ebay it for Â£000,s

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Hartland - 2007/07/01 13:17

Too late, it's in parts to be modded.

I've got other designs that I've been hired to create, but the guy didn't want it publicised on the Internet, and now I don't have any pictures of it.

Basically, it's a controller with the screen mounted on it, and the console is minimised, handle removed and the screen and controller is wired to console, which is fitted into a backpack.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Mcfadden - 2007/07/02 11:00

That sounds like some crazy mod. you will have to sneak shots of the blue-prints out to show me. hehe

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Hartland - 2007/07/02 12:47

There aren't any.. The only pictures and designs that did exist were on my laptop (the one that broke, and I had my money guarantee that bought this computer).

It basically had a 3" screen embedded in the controller and the wire came out the front of the analogue stick of the N64 controller, which was the standard controller cable and video cable wrapped with heat shrunk coverings.

The N64 was made into a small case and I moved the connector so that the game can be inserted downwards instead of on top.

I then added 2 seperate battery packs (because at the time it ran on 2 different voltages) which came from some old RC cars which had a matching voltage.

I then bought a backpack with a front pocket, I sliced open the bag and inserted the system and made an opening in that front pocket so games can be loaded and the controller can be put away.

I then hot glued a zipper in the slit to keep the console in there, in place.

That way you can store books and other crap in the bag, and the front pocket is for the portable itself. It weighed about 3kg including the bag.

I sold it for Â£300, it was a lot of work.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Ben Mcfadden - 2007/07/02 14:12

Sounds very impressive.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/07/30 14:19

WOW thats so cool how much?

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by bszelda - 2008/07/30 14:23

Nintendo will definitely make a new handheld eventually. I doubt that'll be anytime soon with the huge success of the ds and ds lite. I'm also pretty sure that the next handheld will have gamecube graphics or better. :D

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/07/30 14:29

same but this is still neat

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Donny - 2008/07/30 18:28

How about making a handheld PS2 unit. Its smaller and im sure if you relocate some things it can be more portable.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/07/30 19:01

Yeah, that's easy to do.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by mcfaddenben - 2008/07/30 22:04

Handheled Mega Drive / Mastersystem

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/07/30 22:10

Easily, although you're probably better off emulating it on a PDA or PSP / DS.

Still, if you want to use your original cartridges it can be done.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by mcfaddenben - 2008/07/31 09:32

That would be cool. I might set myself the task of doing it lol

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/07/31 09:51

how much is it?

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/08/04 14:02

Can cost a lot due to labour costs.. Where do you live?

Can cost £250 / \$500 depending on what goes in it, and where you live.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/08/06 12:58

im from uk.

hmm £250 is a bit much gamecubes are only £20 now.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Windmill - 2008/08/06 22:33

You should totally offer one of these as a prize. :P

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by OhDearMoshe - 2008/08/06 22:43

You can pick them up in places like gamestation for about a tenner.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/08/06 23:39

I wouldn't have one built within a few weeks, and I doubt many people would want one.

I did toy with the idea of giving away the N64 I'm working on, but I've traded in a lot of favours and I'm happy with what I'm getting.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/08/07 15:00

i wouldnt mind winning one

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Kira - 2008/08/11 19:38

awww the links in your post don't work anymore? :(
But I think I remember seeing this a year ago. :laugh:
Nintendo should hire you to mass produce these. :laugh:

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/08/19 15:48

im sure nintendo could do better no offence
plus i dont think hatrix lives in japan

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Donny - 2008/08/19 21:50

Can you post pictures of your progress

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by eamonn - 2008/08/19 23:39

Don't have authorisation to view those resources, apparently.

I want to take the guts of a GBA SP and put it in my old GBC.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Windmill - 2008/08/20 07:54

If your modding project looks particularly awesome we should submit it to joystiq.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/08/20 07:56

It's been on joystiq and most major gaming blogs already.

eamonn, updated the link.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by eamonn - 2008/08/20 08:25

Awesome! That'd be so cool to play on the train. But then it weighs what, 2kg? 'T'would tire the arms.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Windmill - 2008/08/20 09:50

Woah! Can you link me to when it was on joystiq etc?

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by robble1988 - 2008/08/20 21:01

lol, that's cool!

Can you make me one? I'll buy it off you! lol!

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/08/21 07:40

Windmill wrote:

Woah! Can you link me to when it was on joystiq etc?

<http://www.joystiq.com/2006/07/26/fan-made-portable-gamecube-is-a-beast/>

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetatrix - 2008/08/21 07:41

Doubt you'd be able to afford one even if you were serious robbler.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Windmill - 2008/08/21 10:13

In your link though, you say you sell them. How much dough are we actually talking?

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by seymour - 2008/08/21 11:14

I've already asked Ben, he said its around \$600 depending on what we want on it. Seems a bit steep but given the work he has to do I guess you justify the costs if you really want one.

Perhaps if it cost \$400 I'd get one, but I'm not much of a Gamecube fan to begin with.

I'll just get a very small tablet PC to play some older games or something.

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by pakijim - 2008/08/26 14:04

how much is \$600?

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Kira - 2008/08/26 14:30

pakijim wrote:
how much is \$600? In £?

£1 = 2 US\$
So £300.

oh and a random currency fact...
£1 = is about 1,000,000,000,000 Zimbabwean \$:laugh:
(apparently 100 billion isn't even enough to buy a loaf of bread...)

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetatrix - 2008/08/26 15:53

I'd like to know where you heard that... There are \$40 Zimbabwe dollars to £1 GBP

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Kira - 2008/08/26 17:27

Well I read that in a newspaper but here's the wiki:

In November 2007, the official inflation rate was above 26,000% and the black-market exchange rate was Z\$3,650,000 to the pound.

The current estimated inflation rate of the currency is 11,200,000% (as of July 2008)

At that inflation rate it's about a trillion to the pound now? :laugh:

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by ediblebird - 2008/08/27 04:41

Yeah, I saw in the newspaper that they were printing 50 billion dollar notes and then 100 billion dollar notes a while ago, and that they could only buy two loaves of bread with it.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/08/30 07:25

Started building myself a brand new portable gamecube now.

Different configuration, the first vacuum formed version.

If successful I can roll these out at a faster rate for a lot less money so hopefully I'll please those who thought I was charging too much for it in the first place.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by bszelda - 2008/09/03 13:35

Wow...that handheld is huge...lol.

ctually, I think that Nintendo's next handheld will be just as small a the ds lite and will be able to produce/play gcn graphics/games

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/09/03 15:01

Whilst I think it will be impressive, I very much doubt it would produce GCN graphics. The DS can barely emulate N64 graphics.

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by Kira - 2008/09/03 21:50

Well the PSP is also pretty small and has pretty close to PS2 graphics - and that's with technology 4 years old, and they limited the RAM and processor speed to reduce battery consumption? (or so I've heard) - if so, they should easily be able to ramp that up...or that's just me being wishful. :P

Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by seymour - 2008/09/15 10:16

Any progress on this or your N64?

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Re:Handheld Gamecube

Posted by enterthetrix - 2008/09/15 10:41

You mean my vacuum form case? Yes, currently working on the mold which I'll use to cast.

No progress on N64, it's taken a back seat whilst I work on this vacuum version.

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