EGM's guide for holiday shopping

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Now that the holiday season is upon us, many of EGM's readers will have new video game systems. With those new systems, a vast number of entertainment possibilities are opened up. Play your cards right, and you can have hours of fun with your new toy. However, getting the system is only the first step. You now need to buy games and accessories for it. Newcomers to the 32- and 64-Bit era of video games may need a helping hand to lead them into this strange, new world. After all, the PlayStation and Saturn have been out for over a year now, and there are many things to catch up on. Plus, the Nintendo 64 is so new that you may not know much about it.

We here at EGM feel your pain. We now present our Holiday Shopper's Guide to help you know just what you'll want to own for your new video game system. Keep in mind that this is in no way a complete list of what is out there. There are also loads of great games that aren't listed on these pages. This is just a compilation of some of the many games and accessories that EGM feels that a new owner of a system will want to have.

InterAct Flight Force Pro InterAct Hammerhead



Flight sim fans should check out InterAct's Flight Force Pro 64 controller for their N64. If you've been looking for something more authentic to control PilotWings 64 with, then this could be your answer. It has both a flight stick and a weapons control system for the ultimate in realism.

Here's another clear control pad from InterAct.
What's the big deal with this one, you ask? Well, the Hammerhead features five programmable fire buttons. This will work great with games like Killer Instinct Gold and Mortal Kombat Trilogy.

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InterAct Arcade Shark



The N64 looks just like an arcade game; now you can use an arcade-style controller with it. Mortal Kombat Trilogy and Killer Instinct Gold will play much better with this joystick. You can even switch the joystick so that you can use it on either the digital or analog pad.



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DRIVING

Cruis'n USA Super Mario Kart R WaveRace 64



WaveRace (above); Mario Kart (top right); Cruis'n (right)





SPORTS

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey (right)



he newest of the next-generation systems to hit the market is Nintendo's 64-Bit powerhouse, the Nintendo 64. There was an incredible amount of hype built up around it before it was released, and as a result, Nintendo presold a ton of systems. Since the system is so new, there are obviously not as many games out for it as the other systems. But fear not, loyal readers, there are many great games coming in the months ahead. If you just can't wait, here are some things that you should definitely check out now, and some things that are coming rather soon.

InterAct Superpad 64 Plus

Do you find the Nintendo 64 controllers to be a bit bulky for your hands? If so, you might want to give the Superpad 64 Plus a try. The pad is shaped a bit more like the PlayStation controller, making it a bit smaller.



InterAct Shark Pad Pro

It looks like InterAct decided to make that clear controller that Nintendo should have made. Their SharkPad Pro features all the options of Nintendo's pads, plus the always welcome options of auto fire and slow motion.

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ACTION

Super Mario 64

Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire

PilotWings 64 StarFox 64

Turok: Dinosaur Hunter

Blast Corps





Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire (top left); Super Mario 64 (above); StarFox 64 (below); PilotWings 64 (bottom left); Blast Corps (bottom right)





FIGHTING

Mortal Kombat Trilogy Killer Instinct Gold

PUZZLE

Tetrisphere

Nintendo Memory Card



It seems every system needs memory cards to assist in saving your games. Nintendo has taken a novel approach to the concept by having the card plug into the controller. Now you can take your game information and personal settings to a friend's house without any hassle.

Nintendo Control Pads

Nintendo wants to make sure you're the most fashionable gamer in town. You can buy extra controllers for the N64 in a wide range of colors. Like the "Play it Loud" series of Game Boys, you have a choice of colors for your new game pad. I only wonder why they didn't make a clear pad.



Mad Catz Steering Wheel

Mad Catz is getting a steering wheel ready for the N64. Expect it to be much like the PlayStation wheel, so we are assured quality. This will be great for Cruis'n USA, as it will provide a true arcade experience in the home.

