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LEADS

As if you didn't have enough of a tangle of wires around your telly already, there are plenty more available.

S-video leads

The essential buy if you've got the relevant socket, an S-video lead provides the best possible picture you can glean from your N64. Spook's effort (£7, 9/10) is the best value. Fire/Blaze (£10, 6/10) also chip in with an effort but at three pounds extra – to quote the N64's fair-to-middling TV advertising campaign – there really is no contest. If you've got a UK N64, don't accidentally put a lead designed for an import machine – the picture will be too bright.

SCART leads

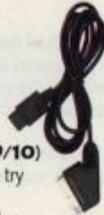
Spook, once again, take the honours when it comes to the funny-shaped pin-thing with their



composite/SCART all-in-one job. A SCART picture is generally of a high quality and the Spook alternative (£8, 9/10) reflects this nicely. Fire (£10, 7/10) also try their damndest with a marginally more expensive one – minus the composite plug – and, similarly, Spectra Video (£8, 7/10) whose is virtually the same but a little cheaper.

RF units

Fifteen of the best is money enough to pay for any peripheral, let alone one you get with the N64 anyway. But, we suppose there'll be those who'll carelessly mislay their vital machine-to-TV transfer, and so have to seriously consider Fire's (£15, 8/10) and LMP's (£20, 6/10) offerings.



They both do the job with some ease but, it's worth remembering you can get a better picture through a SCART or S-video lead. For less money.

Controller cable extensions

An unusual but ultimately pointless idea, especially as most joypads give you far and away enough distance to play with. Still, there are those who like to sit out in the garden while their N64's are upstairs and, to that end, will find both Spook's Cable Extension (£7, 6/10), Spectra Video's Extension Cable (£5, 8/10) and Fire's X-Tender (£8, 7/10) particularly satisfying additions to their peripheral collections.



LUGGAGE

If you like to get out-and-about with your N64, but don't want to risk scratches to its charcoal-grey casing, you'll have to spend yet more money.

N64 System Carry Case Deluxe

Nintendo/THE • £30

Is this necessary? Especially as, for a little more you could have *GoldenEye 007* nestling on your games shelf. Still, there's no denying it's well made gear and there's space inside for your machine, cables and six carts and memory cards. And there're moveable velcro strips so your N64 doesn't slip about. And an extra zipper pouch to slip your copy of *N64 Magazine* into.

Expensive then, but attractive.



8/10

N64 Control Pad Carry Case

Nintendo/THE • £13

Complete and utter cobbler's this. While it's made of the same plush material as the Deluxe case, this more than either of the other bags, has to beg the question *why?* Who in their right minds, is going to fork out thirteen nicker for a case in which to put their controller? Yes, yes, there's an extra pocket for your controller packs but *honestly*. Get an extra controller for seven quid more instead.



4/10

N64 System Carry Case

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For half the price of the Deluxe bag you can pick up the standard carry case with no separate pockets or extra zips or even cart or memory card pockets. But crucially, there's enough room for an N64. However, it does look a bit guff, not to say cheap, with its shiny plastic all-over sheen and slightly rubbish Nintendo logo that can be scratched off with a good fingernail. So, recommended? Nah, not really.



5/10

Game Multi-Case

Spectra Video • £20

Gross to look at – it's like something Robbie out of *Grange Hill* used to take to class – but a veritable Aladdin's Cave inside, the Multi-Case is a near-essential buy – as long as you don't mind looking like a throwback to a time when grey-flecked trousers and luminous socks were in. Vinyl, indeed. Its inside has too many pockets and compartments to count on two hands and, at twenty notes, it's brilliant value for money.



8/10



EXTRAS

Nintendo Mouse Mats

Nintendo/THE • £6

Pleasant little additions to your PC's immediate vicinity come in the shape of these highly colourful, good quality mouse mats. The actual surface may be a little bit too shiny to start with but mix a bit of soil into them and they're fine. The actual pictures comprise Mario, Bowser, Mario Kart and Bowser, the N64 logo and *Mario Kart*. All look fairly good next to the old 'puter.



7/10

Nintendo Wrist Pads

Nintendo/THE • £7

If the vast, misty drop from the spacebar to the desktop gives you vertigo or you suffer from particularly sore wrists, then this invention from THE is likely to be a bit of an essential. If not then it'll be the most pointless load of old tosh you'll have ever seen. Still, they're made well enough (from the same material as the mouse mats) and might be of some use to some. Weirdos.



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