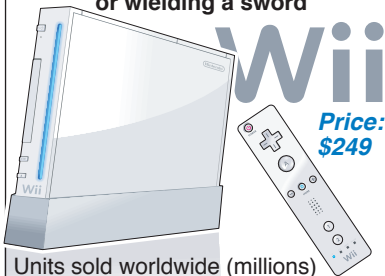


Nintendo Wii

Nintendo launches its games console in the U.S. two days after Sony, at a fraction of the cost of both its rivals. Wii comes with a motion sensing controller that lets players simulate swinging a tennis racket, hitting a golf ball or wielding a sword



Units sold worldwide (millions)

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| 1983: NES* | 60 |
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| 1990: Super NES | 49 |
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| 1996: Nintendo 64 | 32 |
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| 2001: GameCube | 20.6 |
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Nintendo Wii launch

Nov 19: U.S.; Dec 2: Japan;

Dec 7: Australasia; Dec 8: Europe

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