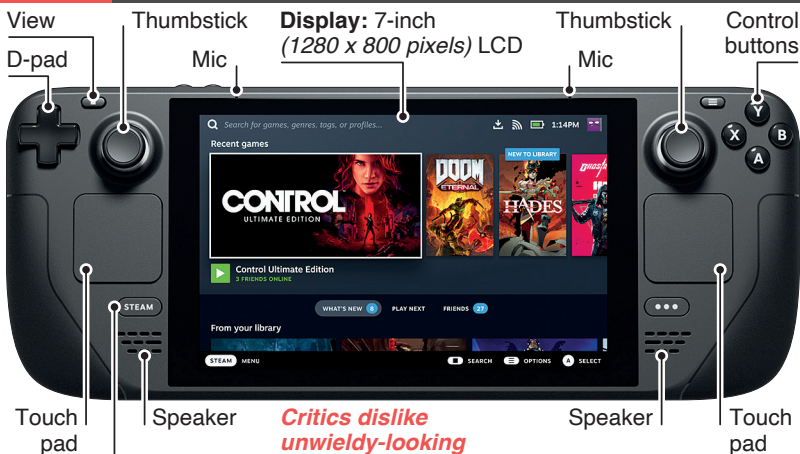


Steam Deck threat to new Nintendo Switch

Valve is to release a portable PC gaming platform, soon after the launch of Nintendo's revamped Switch games console

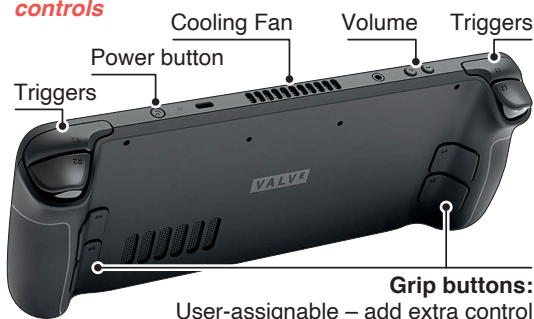
VALVE STEAM DECK (from \$399-\$649/€419-€679*, out Dec 2021)



Critics dislike unwieldy-looking controls

Steam button: Takes user to online store with library of **30,000 PC games** (likely biggest selling point for many gamers)

Being PC-based, other operating systems and even console emulators could be installed



Grip buttons: User-assignable – add extra control

CPU: AMD Zen 2; **GPU:** AMD RDNA 2; **RAM:** 16GB; **Storage:** Up to 512GB*
Battery life: 2-8 hours, depending on game being played

Nintendo SWITCH OLED (\$349.99/€364.99, out Oct 8, 2021)



Sound: Better quality audio than previous Switch

Switch has slower processor, less built-in RAM and fewer games (4,000) than Steam Deck. But it is cheaper, can be played for longer and has better quality screen

Critics say Switch should have been updated with more powerful processor

CPU/GPU: NVIDIA Custom Tegra X1 processor; **RAM:** 4GB; **Storage:** 64GB
Battery life: 4.5-9 hours, depending on game being played

*\$399/€419 for 64GB storage version, \$529/€549 for 256GB and \$649/€679 for 512GB

Sources: Forbes, The Verge, Valve, Nintendo

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