

## Product Guide



You don't have to go into H&M to know that the 90s are back. Look all around you and you will see natty shell suits, the **Spice Girls**, and racism right back in fashion in the UK. What are the cool kids listening to these days? Shoegaze and grunge. Are those Bez from Black Grape Kangol hats popular again? Yes - how did you know? Whether you want them to or not, there are familiar friends and enemies popping up again right, left and centre, and we have no choice but to bow down and accept our new button-up trackie-wearing overlords.

Not content with having released the most ingenuitive console in the [Switch](#), over the past while Nintendo have been releasing **retro consoles**, such as the [Classic Mini SNES](#), to some success. The formula is simple - faithfully reproduce the original, cram it full of old games so cartridges aren't necessary, supply two controllers, whack a HDMI connection on the back, and hey presto - welcome to Nostalgiaville. With the **PlayStation Classic**, it's Sony's turn for a piece of that pie.

### Can the PlayStation Classic Play Discs?

No. The games come pre-loaded, so even if you have dusted off some *Crash Bandicoot*, *Tomb Raider*, or *007 Goldeneye* from the attic, you can't put them inside. In fact, this time the machine is so small it's smaller than a [DualShock 4 controller](#), 45% the size of the original.

### Huh. So What Games Are In It?

There are in total **20** to choose from. The list includes hits such as:

- Ridge Racer Type 4
- Revelations: Persona
- Final Fantasy VII
- Tekken 3
- Metal Gear Solid
- Cool Borders 2
- Syphon Filter
- Grand Theft Auto
- Rayman
- Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six

### 3D: Blessing or Curse?

Since this represented amazing progress from the **16 bit** world of the Nintendos, it does mean that 3D technology was only new - a seriously far cry from the precise graphics and scale of, well, *Far Cry*, or [Read Dead Redemption 2](#). Visually, this can somehow make it worse on your eyes than 16 bit. There is **no upscaling** on the games, so please don't haul out your 4K TV for this or you will find yourself becoming unwell. Obviously it varies from game to game, but there is everything is blocky, scenery is very cut out. Which brings us to the central issue that the **PlayStation Classic** raises - there is a difference between nostalgia and memory, and it's also a reminder of why progress can be a good thing.

### Verdict

While some may still give you the same thrill as when you were a kid, and others may surprise and delight, there is still so much missing, and so many to disappoint, unfortunately. Before deciding whether to buy the **Sony PlayStation Classic** or not, have a look at the list of games, reach into your memory from the 90s, and consider whether you want to keep those happy memories instead. Here at [idealo.co.uk](#) we would advise you to hold onto your hard-earned money and save up for the [PlayStation VR](#) - forget the past and embrace the future instead.

That is, however, until we saw the post-launch price drop. Despite initially appearing around the £80-90 pound mark, the Classic has since tumbled down on several shops to below £40 in some. This could be due to a horrendous misreading of market demand, or due to the mostly mixed, underwhelmed reviews, or the fact that it doesn't feature the likes of **Tomb Raider**. But frankly, who cares? A huge drop like this puts the product in a completely different class, changing the appeal massively, and definitely making it more tempting and less a waste of money.