How to pick a Gaming PC

Are you in the market for a new gaming PC or picking one up for your kid? Here is some helpful information and tips on picking the right system to make sure you get the most out of your games.

Have a few games in mind?

The easiest way to get started is to figure out what games are going to be played on the system. Pretty much every game offers a list of system requirements that should tell you both what the minimum is to be able to run the game as well as what is recommended to have a better experience. We always recommend going a bit above the requirements if possible as this will allow you to run the game better as well as give you more room for your system to still meet the requirements of future games.

Don't worry about aesthetics

Most people tend to like the look of a flashy and brightly lit gaming PC. A lot of the gaming PC's any more will feature RGB lighting to make the system stand out. As pretty as these lights look they generally do nothing for the performance of the machine and are fairly easy to add later if they are something you really want.

What are the biggest things to look for?

Overall the number one thing to look for when it comes to gaming will be the video card. This is one of the more expensive parts if not THE most expensive part of a gaming PC. It is also what makes the biggest difference as to the speed and quality of the games that are being played. Things like RAM and Storage are the least important as in most cases they are the cheapest and easiest to upgrade later.

Common Recommended Requirements

Here are a few of the specs that we see as common recommended requirements.

OS: 64bit Windows 10 or Windows 11

Processor: Intel Core i7-8700K or AMD Ryzen 7 2700X

Ram: 16GB

Video Card: RTX 2060 Super or RX 5700 XT (8GB+ of VRAM)

Storage: SSD