8BitDo tests your fine dexterity with its newest keychain-size controller

8BitDo is launching a new supersmall wireless gaming controller designed for Nintendo Switch and Android devices that could literally fit *inside* the palm of your hand. The company's new Micro controller, which comes in blue and green, is available to preorder on Amazon for $24.99 each and will start shipping next week.

Fans of 8BitDo's excellent retro gaming controllers will probably remember the company's previous hand-cramping and ultracompact wireless controller: the Zero 2. The Micro seems to be the Zero 2's spiritual successor, increasing its button count from 12 to 16 while still staying keychain-sized and lightweight at 24.8 grams. (The Zero 2 is 20 grams, and Joy-Cons are around 50 grams comparatively.)

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The Micro includes new L2, R2, Home, and Star buttons, increasing compatibility with more Nintendo Switch games. 8BitDo also put a proper USB-C port on the top of the Micro, which not only takes on the task of charging the controller's baby 180mAh battery (good for 10 hours of playtime) but also enables a wired gaming option, which the Zero 2 lacked. The Micro can't exactly replace a Joy-Con, though. The Micro's manual points out that it lacks gyro, rumble, IR, NFC, and player LEDs — plus, it can't wake up the Switch.

A switch on the bottom of the Micro lets you jump between Nintendo Switch and Android devices, plus there’s a mode that lets it masquerade as a computer keyboard. The controller can also be customized with special layouts and more using 8BitDo’s Ultimate Software. Still, you might have difficulty playing 3D titles like *Metroid Prime Remastered* without analog sticks, so expect to play only 2D games with the Micro.

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