Sega’s Genesis Mini retro game console is down to $50 today

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Today’s Dealmaster is headed up by a nice price on the Sega Genesis Mini, which is down to $50 at a handful of retailers. While we’ve seen the retro game console briefly drop to $40 during a couple of sales earlier this year, today’s price is tied for lowest we’ve seen it on Amazon specifically since the holiday season. For reference, Sega originally sold the device for $80, and it typically goes for $60 these days when it’s in stock online.

We gave the Sega Genesis Mini a positive review when it launched last September. For the unfamiliar, this is a tiny retro console in the vein of Nintendo’s NES Classic and SNES Classic, but with a built-in library of 42 games that were originally released for the Sega Genesis. It recreates the original machine wonderfully in a cuter, shrunken-down package, and it comes with two nicely molded controllers, both connectable via six-foot cables.

The most important piece of the Genesis Mini is that it gets the library right—mostly, at least when you consider the licensing nightmares that would come with getting classic

sports and media tie-in games onto the machine. You still get a deep roster of RPGs, platformers, action games, and shoot-em-ups, ranging from expected mascot fare like the first two *Sonic the Hedgehog* games, *Earthworm Jim*, and *Ecco the Dolphin,* to classics like *Shining Force*, *Contra: Hard Corps*, and *Gunstar Heroes*, to others like *Alisia Dragoon* and *Dynamite Headdy* that are well worth playing even if their names don't ring a bell today. All of them are emulated well; our review's only nitpick was with some very slight audio delay.

We would have liked Sega to replicate its six-button gamepads instead of the older three-button units, and a game "rewind" feature would have been nice. There are plenty of ways to play older games like these without buying a new machine, too. But if you'd like to discover or reengage some classic games in a more authentic way, the Genesis Mini is a pleasing blast of nostalgia.

If you have no interest in taking a trip down memory lane, though, we also have deals on USB-C hubs, the Apple Watch, Bluetooth speakers, and more. Have a look for yourself below.

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Top 10 deals of the day

- Sega Genesis Mini retro mini console for **$49.99** at Amazon and GameStop (normally $60).
- Anker PowerExpand+ 5-in-1 USB-C hub – 3x USB 3.0, HDMI (4K 30Hz), Ethernet for **$26.39** at Amazon (normally $33).
- AmazonBasics USB-C to USB-A 3.1 Gen 2 (5-pack, 3ft)

cable for **$34.59** at Amazon (normally $43).

- Sony PlayStation Plus 1-year membership card for **$33.99** at eBay (normally $60).
- UE Megaboom 3 portable Bluetooth speaker for **$119.99** at Amazon (normally $175).
- Google Nest Thermostat E smart thermostat for **$139** at Amazon and BuyDig (normally $169).
- TP-Link Kasa HS210 smart light 3-way Wi-Fi light switch for **$18.74** at Amazon (use code: **25THREEWAY** – normally $25).
- Anker PowerWave Base Pad Qi wireless charger – 10W Galaxy/7.5W iPhone, no AC adapter for **$10.99** at Amazon (normally $14).
- Google Home Max smart home speaker for **$229** at Belk (normally $299).
- CalDigit TS3 Plus Thunderbolt 3 dock – 2x Thunderbolt 3, USB-C 3.1 Gen 1, USB-C 3.1 Gen 2, 5x USB-A 3.1, DisplayPort 1.2, SDXC, Gigabit Ethernet, digital optical audio, analog in/out, 87W charging for **$229.99** at Amazon (normally $270).

Enlarge / The Surface Pro 7.

Laptop and desktop PC deals

- Microsoft Surface Pro 7 tablet PC – Intel Core i5-1035G4, 12.3-inch 2736×1824, 16GB RAM, 256GB SSD + Surface Pro Type Cover (Black) for **$1,299** at Amazon (normally $1,600).
- CalDigit TS3 Plus Thunderbolt 3 dock – 2x Thunderbolt 3, USB-C 3.1 Gen 1, USB-C 3.1 Gen 2, 5x USB-A 3.1, DisplayPort 1.2, SDXC, Gigabit Ethernet, digital optical audio, analog in/out, 87W charging for **$229.99** at Amazon (normally $270).

Enlarge / *Apex Legends* is free to play, but if you're planning to buy its latest characters, you can save some cash with today's deal.
EA / Respawn

Video game deals

- *Apex Legends: Lifeline Edition* (PS4, XB1) – includes 1,000 Apex Coins for **$5.99** at Amazon and Walmart (normally $15).
- *Kingdom Hearts All-in-One Package* (PS4) for **$39.99** at Amazon and Walmart (normally $50).

- *Rage 2* (PS4, XB1, PC) for **$9.99** at Amazon (normally $30).
- *Nioh 2* (PS4) for **$39.99** at Amazon (normally $60).
- *Final Fantasy VII Remake* (PS4) for **$49.94** at Walmart (normally $60).
- *Hitman 2: Gold Edition* (PS4, XB1) for **$29.99** at Walmart (normally $75).
- *Dragon Quest Builders 2* (PS4) for **$19.99** at Amazon and Best Buy (normally $28).
- *Yakuza Remastered Collection* (PS4) for **$39.99** at Amazon (normally $55).
- *Persona 5 Royal – Steelbook Edition* (PS4) for **$49.99** at GameStop (normally $60).
- *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt – Complete Edition* (Switch) for **$44.99** at Amazon (normally $50).
- *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt – Complete Edition* (XB1, PS4, PC) for **$14.99** at Microsoft, PlayStation Store, and Steam (normally $25).
- *Celeste* (XB1) for **$9.99** at Microsoft (normally $20).
- *Firewatch* (XB1) for **$4.99** at Microsoft (normally $20).
- *Indivisible* (PS4) for **$16.94** at Amazon (normally $25).
- *Trover Saves the Universe* (PS4, PSVR) for **$17.97** at Amazon (normally $24).
- *Monster Hunter: World* (PS4) for **$15.09** at Amazon (normally $20).
- *Kentucky Route Zero: TV Edition* (XB1, Switch) for **$18.74** at Microsoft and Nintendo eShop (normally $25).
- *Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle* (Switch) for **$14.99** at Nintendo eShop (normally $25).
- Pre-order: *Cyberpunk 2077* (PS4, XB1, PC) for **$49.94** at Amazon (normally $60).

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Kyle Orland

Gaming deals

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- Logitech G613 wireless mechanical gaming keyboard – Romer G switches for **$69.99** at Amazon (normally $80).
- HyperX Alloy Elite RGB mechanical gaming keyboard – Cherry MX Brown switches for **$99.99** at Amazon (normally $120).
- Razer Junglecat Android game controller for **$84.99** at Amazon (normally $100).

Enlarge / The Sega Genesis Mini looks a lot like the original Genesis, only, well, mini.
Sam Machkovech

TV and home entertainment deals

- Roku Smart Soundbar soundbar + 4K media streamer for **$149.99** at Amazon (normally $180).
- Polk Command Bar smart soundbar + wireless subwoofer for **$199** at Amazon (normally $235).

Enlarge / The Apple Watch Series 5.
Valentina Palladino

Electronics deals

Enlarge / The Nest Thermostat E.

Smart home deals

Enlarge / Apple’s Smart Keyboard with a 10.5-inch iPad Air.

Accessories and miscellaneous deals

- AmazonBasics USB-C to USB-A 3.1 Gen 2 (5-pack, 3ft) cable for **$34.59** at Amazon (normally $43).
- Apple Smart Keyboard for iPad (7th gen), iPad Air (3rd gen), and 10.5-inch iPad Pro for **$99** at Best Buy (normally $150).
- iOttie iTap Magnetic 2 dashboard smartphone car mount for **$19.95** at Amazon (normally $25).
- iOttie iTap Magnetic 2 CD slot smartphone car mount for **$19.95** at Amazon (normally $25).
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- Anker Premium 5-in-1 USB-C hub – 2x USB 3.0, HDMI (4K at 30Hz), SD, microSD for **$17.99** at Amazon (**clip 15%**

coupon and use code: **ANKERHUB34** – normally $23.99).

- Nekteck 5-Port 111W Charging Station USB-C desktop charger – 111W total, 87W USB-C PD, 4x USB-A for **$39.99** at Amazon (normally $50).
- Mophie Powerstation AC portable battery pack – 100W AC, 30W USB-C PD, USB-A, 22,000mAh for **$127.59** at Amazon (normally $195).
- Yubico Security Key USB-A 2FA security key for **$18** at Amazon (normally $20).

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