

The PlayStation 5 looks to be the biggest game console ever made

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- Using the disc drives and USB ports as reference, we can get this side-by-side size estimate of various consoles.
- ResetEra's analysis lays out specific dimensions of the PS5's curvy exterior.
- The video game equivalent of a 12 pound newborn.
- PS5, sideways orientation.

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- Another angle, to help you imagine what it's like to place this thing sideways in a giant, white void.

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Last week, Sony finally gave us our first look at the unique design of the PlayStation 5 hardware, leading to plenty of Internet mockery (the company also showed some PS5 games, I guess). For all the ethereal coolness of hardware shots shown on an amorphous white background, though, Sony's promo images didn't provide much external context for judging the actual size of the PlayStation 5 box (and Sony hasn't provided official measurements yet, either, in response to our queries).

That hasn't stopped Internet sleuths from figuring out their

best estimates of the PS5's size, though. Reddit user GREB07 was among the first to judge the dimensions by using the standard sizes of the disc drive and USB ports as reference. Users on ResetEra did a similar analysis, using the size of the d-pad on the PS5 DualSense controller (which is presumably the same size as on the PS4 controller) as additional context. Twitter user EvilBoris and the folks over at IGN added their own estimates using similar methodologies.

The precise results vary a bit depending on the source—and based on precisely where you start and end the measurements on the PS5's wavy design. That said, the consensus estimate puts the PS5 at anywhere from 15 inches to 16 inches wide (all measurements in this piece assume a horizontal orientation for the console, for simplicity). That's easily the largest single dimension for a video game system on record, outpacing the 12.8-inch width of the PS3 or the 12.6-inch width of the original Xbox.

The PS5 also stands a few inches wider than the upcoming Xbox Series X, which runs 11.85 inches in its longest dimension, according to Digital Foundry. But the Series X ends up more short and squat, with a 6-inch height (and depth) that easily overwhelms the estimated 3.5- to 4-inch height of the PS5 at its tallest point (the version without a disc drive is a little shorter).

Getting an accurate measure of the PS5's depth is a little trickier, since Sony hasn't shown any shots of the console from directly overhead. Using contextual measurements from this isometric shot, though, gives an estimate of a console somewhere between 8- and 9-inches deep. That's roughly in line with other consoles, historically.

The PS5's total volume is a little harder to measure, since the system isn't a perfect rectangle. That said, dimension estimates would put the system somewhere on the order of 550 cubic inches, or a little bigger than both the PS3 and

original Xbox. The Xbox Series X, meanwhile, clocks in at just 418 cubic inches, according to Digital Foundry's measurements.

Product shots like this one also suggest that the PS5 might need a small round base when set horizontally to allow its curved body to lie "flat." In that horizontal configuration, the system's 15-inch+ width could also easily overwhelm the storage capacity of some entertainment center compartments, which have generally been designed with smaller electronics in mind.

Long story short, if you're in the market for a PS5 this holiday season, now's the time to break out the tape measure.

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