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# 6 MUST-HAVE XBOX SERIES X ACCESSORIES

Pick up this essential gear to go with your new Xbox Series X



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If you're one of the lucky people who managed to buy an **Xbox Series X**, you're going to want to get some upgrades to get the most out of this amazing console. From a killer headset to a new SSD drive, we've sorted through the noise to find the best Xbox accessories to so you can get the most out of your prized new gaming machine.

## 1. Our favorite headset



There are loads of stellar Xbox Series X gaming headsets, but if you want the best out there, it's the Audeze Penrose X. It has something many other gaming headsets don't: planar magnetic drivers which use a specialized, dual-magnetic system for incredible accuracy and a wide and clear soundstage.

If you're looking for something a bit cheaper, you can't go wrong with the SteelSeries Arctis 9X. SteelSeries is known for delivering clear and full audio, alongside clear and precise microphones, so communicating with your team in the middle of a heated match will never be an issue. And if your budget is even tighter, HyperX's Cloud 11 is our best value pick. It may not be as comfortable as the Penrose X or the Arctis 9X, but it offers impressive performance for the money, and adds an excellent microphone to the package.

## 2. The newest Xbox Elite controller



This is probably a no-brainer, but the **best controller for the Xbox Series X** is Xbox's own Elite Wireless Controller Series 2. We loved the original version, and the company has made some tweaks to the latest model to pair with its current-gen consoles: it now has Bluetooth support, up to 40 hours of battery life, an included charging dock, and more features such as a thumbstick tension control.

**Get the Xbox Elite Wireless Controller Series 2 from Amazon for \$179.99**

## 3. More storage



create this storage expansion card specifically for the Xbox Series X|S, and an off-the-shelf SSD will not work with the new consoles. If you don't want to worry about filling up your storage, you'll definitely want one of these cards.

**Get the Seagate Storage Expansion Card for Xbox Series X|S from Microsoft for \$219.99**

#### 4. Top off those batteries



The Xbox Elite Wireless Controller Series 2 comes with a charging dock, but if you're looking for something more portable, the Xbox Rechargeable Battery is a great solution. It works with any Xbox controller that has a USB-C port, and it can fully recharge within 4 hours, and you can even recharge the battery while in the middle of a game, too. If you're still using triple-A batteries, it's time to say goodbye and get a rechargeable battery pack.

If you're still rocking a last-gen Xbox Elite controller, then a charging dock might be more your style. The **HyperX Charge Play Duo** works with controllers made for current and last-gen Xbox consoles, and it also includes two rechargeable battery packs. It's a nice alternative for anyone who has a habit of misplacing charging cables.

#### 5. Don't forget the Game Pass



you get access to the same console games, over 100 PC games, the same discounts and deals, and a free EA Play membership. There's also the Ultimate tier, which gives you all of the above, lets you play a limited number of games in the cloud, and adds in an Xbox Gold subscription for \$14.99/mo.

But there's even better news if you sign up for an Xbox Game Pass now: those who choose the Ultimate tier can get the first three months for \$1.

## 6. Games, games, and more games



No console is complete without the reason it was built in the first place: games, baby. If you like having a physical copy game (which means you can always sell it down the line), we have a bunch of recommendations for you, from family-friendly to downright terrifying.