

HORI NSW-398U

HORI Split Pad Compact for Nintendo Switch Instruction Manual

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The HORI Split Pad Compact is an ergonomic controller designed to enhance the handheld gaming experience for Nintendo Switch and Nintendo Switch OLED Model consoles. It provides a full-size controller feel with comfortable grips, analog sticks, a D-pad, and shoulder buttons, making extended play sessions more comfortable.

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Image: The HORI Split Pad Compact attached to a Nintendo Switch console, highlighting its ergonomic design and button layout.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **Full-Size Controller Experience:** Designed to provide the comfort and control of a full-size gamepad specifically for handheld mode.
- **Ergonomic Grips:** Shaped to fit comfortably in your hands, reducing fatigue during long gaming sessions.
- **Assignable Rear Triggers:** Two programmable buttons located on the back of the grips for custom control mapping.
- **Turbo Functionality:** Allows for rapid-fire input on assigned buttons.
- **D-Pad and Analog Sticks:** Features responsive D-pad and analog sticks for precise input.
- **Compatibility:** Works with both the Nintendo Switch and Nintendo Switch OLED Model.



Image: Rear view of the HORI Split Pad Compact, illustrating the placement of the assignable rear triggers.

3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare Your Nintendo Switch:** Ensure your Nintendo Switch console is powered off or in sleep mode before attaching the Split Pad Compact.
2. **Remove Existing Joy-Cons:** If Joy-Cons are currently attached, slide them upwards until they click and detach from the console.
3. **Attach the Split Pad Compact:** Align the left Split Pad Compact unit with the left rail of your Nintendo Switch console. Slide it downwards along the rail until you hear a click, indicating it is securely attached. Repeat this process for the right Split Pad Compact unit on the right rail.
4. **Power On:** Power on your Nintendo Switch. The console should automatically recognize the Split Pad Compact.



Image: The HORI Split Pad Compact securely attached to a Nintendo Switch console, ready for use.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Controls

The button layout of the Split Pad Compact mirrors that of standard Nintendo Switch Joy-Cons, providing familiar controls for gaming. The left unit features a D-pad, left analog stick, and various system buttons. The right unit includes A/B/X/Y face buttons, a right analog stick, and additional system buttons.

4.2 Assignable Rear Triggers

Each Split Pad Compact unit features an assignable rear trigger (FL for the left unit, FR for the right unit). These buttons can be programmed to replicate the input of other buttons on the same controller unit.

1. **To Assign:** Press and hold the ASSIGN button on the desired controller unit. While holding ASSIGN, press the rear trigger (FL or FR) you wish to program, then press the button you want to assign to it (e.g., A, B, X, Y, L, R, ZL, ZR, D-pad directions, or analog stick clicks). Release all buttons. The rear trigger is

now programmed.

2. **To Clear:** Press and hold the ASSIGN button, then press the rear trigger you wish to clear. Release both buttons. The assignment will be cleared.

4.3 Turbo Functionality

The Turbo function allows a button to be repeatedly pressed as long as it is held down, or to toggle continuous rapid-fire without holding the button.

1. **To Activate Turbo:** Press and hold the TURBO button, then press the button you wish to apply Turbo to (e.g., A, B, X, Y, L, R, ZL, ZR, D-pad directions, or analog stick clicks). Release both buttons. Now, holding the assigned button will activate rapid-fire.
2. **To Activate Turbo Hold:** Repeat the above step. Then, press and hold the TURBO button again, and press the same assigned button. Release both buttons. The button will now continuously rapid-fire without being held down. Press the button once to stop.
3. **To Clear Turbo:** Press and hold the TURBO button, then press the button with Turbo activated twice. Release both buttons. The Turbo function for that button will be cleared.

4.4 Important Operational Notes

- The HORI Split Pad Compact operates exclusively in **handheld mode**. It does not function wirelessly when detached from the Nintendo Switch console.
- This controller **does not include** Motion Controls, HD Rumble, NFC, or IR camera functionality. Games requiring these features may not be fully compatible or playable with the Split Pad Compact.

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Video: A detailed overview of the HORI Nintendo Switch Split Pad Compact, demonstrating its features and how it attaches to the console.

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Video: A short clip highlighting three key aspects of the HORI Split Pad Compact, including assignable buttons and joystick travel.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the controller. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, ensuring no moisture enters any openings. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** Store the Split Pad Compact in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. When not in use, it is recommended to keep it attached to the Nintendo Switch console or in a protective case to prevent dust accumulation and accidental damage.
- **Avoid Drops:** Protect the controller from drops or impacts, as this can damage internal components or affect button responsiveness.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Controller Not Recognized:** Ensure both Split Pad Compact units are fully slid down and clicked into place on the Nintendo Switch console's rails. If the issue persists, try detaching and reattaching them.

Restarting the Nintendo Switch console may also resolve the issue.

- **Buttons Not Responding:** Verify that the controller is securely attached. If specific buttons are not responding, check if they have been assigned or have Turbo functionality enabled, and try resetting these settings.
- **No Motion Controls/HD Rumble:** Please note that the HORI Split Pad Compact does not support motion controls, HD Rumble, NFC, or IR camera functions. This is a design specification and not a malfunction.
- **Drifting Analog Sticks:** If you experience analog stick drift, ensure the controller is clean and free of debris. If the issue persists, contact HORI customer support for further assistance.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Model Number	NSW-398U
Item Weight	8.4 ounces (approximately 238 grams)
Compatibility	Nintendo Switch, Nintendo Switch OLED Model
Functionality	Handheld Mode only (wired connection to console)
Special Features	Assignable Rear Triggers, Turbo Functionality
Excluded Features	Motion Controls, HD Rumble, NFC, IR Camera
Manufacturer	HORI
Language	English

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

HORI products are designed for durability and performance. For information regarding product warranty, returns, or technical support, please refer to the official HORI website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

For the most up-to-date support information, visit the [HORI Official Website](#).