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8BitDo SN30 Pro Bluetooth Controller Instruction Manual

Model: SN30 Pro | Brand: 8BitDo

1. OVERVIEW

The 8BitDo SN30 Pro is a versatile Bluetooth controller designed for a wide range of gaming platforms. It features advanced Hall Effect Joysticks for enhanced precision and durability, minimizing stick drift. This controller offers a full suite of features including clickable joysticks, rumble vibration, motion controls, and dedicated home and screenshot buttons. Its classic design is complemented by modern connectivity via wireless Bluetooth and a USB-C port for charging and wired play.

Key Features:

- **Hall Effect Joysticks:** Provides high precision and prevents stick drift.
- **Multi-Platform Compatibility:** Works with Nintendo Switch, PC, macOS, Android, Steam Deck, and Raspberry Pi. Officially supported for iPhone, iPad, macOS, and Apple TV.
- **Full-Featured Design:** Includes clickable joysticks, rumble vibration, motion controls, wireless Bluetooth, rechargeable battery, home button, screenshot button, and USB-C connectivity.
- **Classic D-Pad:** Optimized for retro gaming experiences.

Figure 1: Front view of the 8BitDo SN30 Pro Bluetooth Controller, showcasing its classic layout with modern analog sticks and face buttons.

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Video 1: An overview of the 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller, highlighting its features and retro gaming capabilities across various systems.

2. SETUP

The 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller can be connected wirelessly via Bluetooth or directly via its USB-C cable. Ensure the controller is charged before initial use.

2.1 Bluetooth Pairing

1. **Power On:** Press and hold the START button to power on the controller.
2. **Enter Pairing Mode:** Press and hold the PAIR button (usually located on the top edge or back of the controller) until the LED indicator starts blinking rapidly.
3. **Device Discovery:** On your desired device (Switch, PC, macOS, Android, Steam Deck, Raspberry Pi), navigate to its Bluetooth settings and search for new devices.
4. **Select Controller:** Select "8BitDo SN30 Pro" from the list of available devices to complete the pairing process. The LED indicator on the controller will become solid when successfully connected.

For specific pairing instructions for each platform, please refer to the detailed manual available on the official 8BitDo support website.

2.2 Wired Connection

Connect the controller to your device using the provided USB-C cable. The controller will automatically switch to wired mode and begin charging.

Figure 2: The 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller shown connected to a Nintendo Switch, Steam Deck, and a mobile phone, illustrating its broad compatibility.

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Video 2: A demonstration of how easy it is to connect the 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller to a device.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The SN30 Pro controller offers a familiar layout with modern enhancements for optimal gameplay.

3.1 Basic Controls

- **D-Pad:** For directional input, ideal for 2D games.
- **Analog Joysticks:** Two clickable analog sticks for precise 3D movement and camera control.
- **Face Buttons (A, B, X, Y):** Standard action buttons.
- **Shoulder Buttons (L1, R1) & Triggers (L2, R2):** For additional actions and pressure-sensitive input where supported.
- **START** / **SELECT Buttons:** For in-game menus and selections.
- **Home Button:** Returns to the system home screen.
- **Screenshot Button:** Captures screenshots during gameplay.

3.2 Special Features

- **Rumble Vibration:** Provides tactile feedback during gameplay.

- **Motion Controls:** Supported on compatible platforms for immersive gameplay.
- **Customizable Buttons:** Advanced customization options may be available through 8BitDo's Ultimate Software (downloadable from the official website).

Figure 3: A close-up view of the Hall Effect Joystick, emphasizing its textured grip and durable design.

4. Maintenance

Proper care ensures the longevity of your 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the controller. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth with mild soap can be used, ensuring no liquid enters the ports or buttons.
- **Storage:** Store the controller in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Battery Care:** Avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. Charge the controller regularly, especially if it will not be used for an extended period.

5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your 8BitDo SN30 Pro controller, try the following steps:

- **Connection Issues:** Ensure the controller is fully charged. Re-attempt the Bluetooth pairing process. If using a wired connection, try a different USB-C cable or port.
- **Unresponsive Buttons/Joysticks:** Check for any physical obstructions. Ensure the controller's firmware is up to date via the 8BitDo support website.
- **Firmware Update:** Regularly check the official 8BitDo website for firmware updates, which can resolve bugs and improve compatibility.
- **Reset Controller:** If the controller is unresponsive, locate the small reset hole on the back (often near the USB-C port) and use a thin object (like a paperclip) to press the reset button.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Item Model Number	6922621505044
Item Weight	7.7 ounces
Batteries	1 AA batteries required (included)
Connectivity	Bluetooth, USB-C
Compatibility	Switch, Windows, Apple (iOS, iPadOS, tvOS, macOS), Android, Steam Deck, Raspberry Pi
Release Date	February 28, 2024

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, technical support, and the latest firmware updates, please visit the official 8BitDo website. You can also find FAQs and community forums for additional assistance.
Official Website: www.8bitdo.com