

# The Handheld Buyer's Cheat Sheet

Every major handheld ranked by use case. No fluff.

## BEST FOR EMULATION

■ #1

### Retroid Pocket 4 Pro

**\$150–200**

PS2, GC, Android. The king of emulation handhelds right now.

■ #2

### Anbernic RG35XX H

**\$60–80**

Pocket-sized, under \$100, handles up to PSP perfectly.

■ #3

### Steam Deck OLED

**\$549**

Overkill for emulation, but doubles as a full PC gaming device.

## BEST FOR STEAM / PC GAMES

■ #1

### Steam Deck OLED

**\$549**

SteamOS just works. Best plug-and-play Steam experience, period.

■ #2

### Lenovo Legion Go S (SteamOS)

**\$729–829**

More power than the Deck. Same OS. Better for demanding titles.

■ #3

### Legion Go 2

**\$999+**

8.8" OLED, 144Hz. For power users who want the biggest screen.

## BEST FOR XBOX GAME PASS

■ #1

### ASUS ROG Xbox Ally X

**\$799–999**

Built-in Xbox Experience UI. Game Pass on a handheld, done right.

■ #2

### MSI Claw 8 AI+

**\$699–799**

Windows handheld, solid Game Pass performance, cheaper than Ally X.

■ #3

### Steam Deck (via cloud)

**\$549**

Use Xbox Cloud Gaming app. Works, but not ideal vs native Windows.

## BEST BUDGET PICKS

■ #1

### Anbernic RG35XX H

**\$60–80**

Best under \$100. Pure retro gaming, fits in your pocket.

■ #2

### Retroid Pocket 4 Pro

**\$150–200**

Best under \$200. Handles most retro systems + Android gaming.

■ #3

### Steam Deck LCD

**~\$300 used**

Original model, still great. Buy used/refurbished to save cash.

# Quick Comparison Table

