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Turn 10 Microsoft From the hazy, pixelated days of Namco's classic Arcade Pole Position in 1982 to the upcoming harvest of ultra-realistic motor racing simulators, there is no denying that motor racing has become a key genre in the world of video games. This fall, the two heavyweights of the motor racing video game industry will unleash their last body blows, having fun on more than thirty years of lessons (and stories of caution) of their predecessors: Forza 7 is released on October 3 on Xbox One, designed to run at a smooth butter 60 frames per second, while Gran Turismo Sport bows out on October 17 on PS4, promising play VR compatibility. The future is almost upon us. But before that, we at The Drive thought it was a perfect opportunity to compile a list of the best motor racing games that graced everything from PlayStation 4 to Windows 98 to the shabby, almost forgotten arcade that is somehow still held in town. We are trying to filter out influential icons (e.g. Street Rod or Richard Burns Rally) whose pioneering ways have since been copied and perfected by others, and to stick to racing games that can still be easily found on the current generation of consoles or online. So what we have left are ten entries that stand with their heads and shoulders above the rest — whether through graphics, content or gameplay — to create an unparalleled and unique experience in motor racing games. Disagreement? You probably will be, if its in the comments below.10: Daytona USA - Arcade/PC/Xbox Live/PlayStation Network Tempting as it was to start here with San Francisco Rush and its futuristic cousin, whose high-flying antics and shortened cards taught a generation the pain of watching your friend dive from literally nowhere to take the flag at the checkout, these cabinets are unfortunately becoming more and more difficult to find. So let's move on to Daytona USA, where eight people can still compete head-to-head on the luxury setup in some places Dave and Buster with cameras that project the anguished and contorted faces of your competitors so that everyone can see them. This alone would make a car game worth recommending, but the definitive arcade runner is still on his merits twenty-three years after his fully 3D graphics and fast gameplay took the world by storm and changed people's expectations of what a racing game could be. It doesn't hurt that the race itself is an addictive affair, filled with slides, much like a dream version of NASCAR fever — massive grids of forty regulating stock cars drift around wild and surreal courses a race against each other and the clock. Maybe that's why it has become one of the most reditative arcade games of all time.9: Mario Kart: Double Dash - Nintendo GameCube / Wii U Virtual Console Well, we obviously can't make a list of the best racing games without including a Nintendo long-running, madcap vehicular combat series. Mario Kart Kart Deluxe has made a lot of waves this year, and while it's certainly the most fun entry in a while from Mario and Co., its evolution to include the anti-gravity racing monkeys of the F-Zero series and the karts themselves have become damn complicated for what is supposed to be a game for small children. So in hindsight, which one reigns supreme? Given our accessibility criteria (it is also playable on the original Wii, which can be had for a few cents these days), Mario Kart: Double Dash for the Nintendo GameCube takes the cake here. The introduction of weight classes, the wonderfully designed courses, and most importantly, the crazy cooperative driving experience elevate Double Dash above all the other Mario Kart games and make it a place on our list of the best racing games of all time. Some scream foul to the way having two people in a kart ruined the purity of the game and marked the beginning of the extravagance filled with elements that we know today, but come on, it has hardly been about driving since the SNES days. No, this is a competitive game, and the ability to link two GameCubes for an eight-player cooperative race fulfills this mission with the shovel.8: Need for Speed: High Stakes - PC Every modern quasi-arcade racing game, from the Burnout series to Driveclub to the Forza Horizon series, owes a debt of gratitude to the original Need for Speed games. Open-world games have since taken over, making the idea of running on closed, obsessive, point-to-point courses more of a journey of nostalgia than anything else, but the first five entries in the NFS series pioneering the use of real-world cars, NPC traffic, and police pursuits in racing games. And of these five, Need for Speed: High Stakes rises above the rest. Of course, NFS: Porsche Unleashed was a welcome of P-Cars, and NFS III: Hot Pursuit was the game that actually introduced the eponymous police chases, but Need for Speed: High Stakes is the winner in our book for a few reasons. First, E39 BMW M5 police cars. Second, both the ability to run your rivals for pink slides and the ability to play as the police added a huge amount of variety to the burgeoning world of car games at the time. Finally, modders: it was one of the first games to support a huge community of homebrew modifications, allowing players to add an infinite amount of cars and tracks to the somewhat limited range of the game. You can always find the top PC version on Amazon and eBay.7: Burnout 3: Takedown - PS2/Xbox (Xbox 360 Compatible) From time to time, a racing game arrives that is so fast again and different that it is less a breath of fresh air and more a shock to the system. Burnout 3: Takedown this game. The first two Burnout games taught us to drive like crazy and deliberately smash into crowded intersections, but it was the third iteration that introduced the visceral takedown movement that has defined the series ever since. More than ten years later, there are still few more satisfying feelings in car games than one than a that leaves your opponent's car crumpled like an accordion on the side of the road. Or better yet, the Psyche Out, where you ride its tail until it slips and crashes spectacularly. There was simply nothing like it before, and little precious since. The driving was pure arcade happiness, and it didn't feature the stupid traffic control mechanic who allowed you to plow through traffic in the Burnout Revenge track. On top of that, this was the last game in the series to feature a real Crash mode, where you drive your car in a perfectly synchronized maelstrom of traffic to try to cause maximum chaos and damage. Think of it as a Rube Goldberg machine for auto insurance appraisers. The only downside is to find it: copies are available online, but you'll need a PlayStation 2 to enjoy it. 6: Grand Prix Legends - PC We could really have put almost any game developed by Papyrus Design Group at this location, but 1999 Grand Prix Legends deserves a place here for its advanced graphics, excellent handling system, and accurate representation of the 1967 Formula 1 season. Set a few years before new safety innovations redefine the sport, Grand Prix Legends puts you in control in one of the most dangerous eras of open-wheel racing. The cars are incredibly difficult to control, just as they were in real life, but it just makes a clean ride around Spa-Francorchamps all the more satisfying. And while the graphics were certainly ahead of its time, the game was so popular that its rabid fan base updated the game's visuals to the point that it can run against almost anything that is developed today. It is also interesting to repeat that this game is difficult, with so much hand-holding in modern games, it is refreshing to sit back and have a round kick you in the face with its realistic difficulty. Its advanced customization system allows you to adjust just about anything that can be adjusted on a race car, and the results actually translate onto the track. 5: Gran Turismo 3: A-Spec - PS2 Ask almost everyone between 25 and 40 what their favorite racing game was when they were younger, and chances are you'll get something from the iconic Gran Turismo series. The first Gran Turismo game on the original PlayStation is rightly lionized to popularize the car simulator genre, borrowing the idea of real-world series cars like Need for Speed and composing realism (and difficulty) up to 11. It has become the best-selling PS1 game of all time, but its graphics and gameplay haven't quite aged as well as others of that time. But in 2001, the PlayStation 2 launched, and with it our #5: Gran Turismo 3: A-Spec. With nearly 200 fully detailed cars and dozens of tracks, Gran Turismo 3 has set new standards for graphic fidelity and realistic gameplay and has offered a better experience in the various disciplines of racing-rally, touring cars, GT championships, to name but all of the standalone video games that have been dedicated these subgenres. It was such a monumental leap forward in quality that the success of Gran Turismo games felt a little unfinished as a result, and it maintained that reputation as the ultimate driving simulator until the Forza series began to get its act together by the late 2000s. Forza Horizon 3 - PC / Xbox One The Forza Horizon series is like a music festival for cars: you're never going to see such a diverse automotive range in a world so richly rendered nowhere else, even if the performances aren't the greatest. Between simulation and arcade, Forza Horizon's driving mechanics can be polarizing, but again, where else are you going to have the opportunity to run a Jeep Grand Wagoneer against a Subaru SVX in an open frame? Using the same formula as the first two games - just bigger and better - Forza Horizon 3 allows players to accelerate around a stunningly beautiful version of Australia in a list of cars that puts the old Gran Turismo games to shame. Even if the manipulation doesn't satisfy the purist (and/or masochist) in you, there's no other car game out there right now with such an emphasis on having fun. The game has also expanded to give off-road racing a fair jolt, something we don't often see in video games outside of the rally. Apart from the 8-player Daytona USA arcade configuration, it's also probably the most community game on the list, with a strong focus on multiplayer racing and an Online Adventure mode for free roaming with friends. 3: Dirt Rally - PC / Xbox One / PS4 Puristes can argue that 2004 Richard Burns Rally and his hyper-realistic approach to rally racing has established a new benchmark in video games, and there is no denying the influence of the game or how it plays (graphics are another story) even thirteen years later. But it's impossible to find these days - I personally paid a British guy \$30 for a copy on eBay, which showed up at my door about six months later - and in what's surely a win for smart consumers everywhere, we have a new hardcore sim rally to sneak over. Dirt Rally is the first game in the Dirt series to throw all this broken bravado by Monster Energy out the window and focus on what really matters: throwing vintage and modern rally cars on the stages obsessively rendered while facing a truly ruthless game engine that actually rewards practice and patience. Listening to your co-driver shouting rhythm notes as you struggle to keep an E30 BMW M3 pointing the right way down a serious, sunburnt scene in Greece while he does his best to throw the rear on every lap is something of a Masochist. When you arrive at the finish, however, you feel a sense of accomplishment that is hard to find elsewhere. This video of pro rally driver Will Orders giving dirt rally a go in a simulator platform shows how the countless game setting options and control settings combine for unparalleled realism in the world of rally racing games.2: Project Cars - PC/ Xbox One / PS4 PS4 Although Forza and Gran Turismo steal simulation light on the regular, we are now living in something of a golden age of super-realistic car games. Project Cars and Assetto Corsa started out as niche PC products and graduated in consoles on the strength of their popularity, and both can be ruthless without hard-won experience. And while Assetto Corsa offers a slightly better handling model, from accurate laser scanned tracks to the smallest pebble, and a stronger online game, Project Cars wins in our book for its solo career mode, its gameplay with a standard controller (a racing wheel certainly makes Assetto better, but not everyone has access to it), stunning graphics and a wider selection of cars and tracks. Yes, Assetto Corsa supports a stronger modification community on the PC version that can help eliminate that last point, but if we're talking about out-of-the-box fun, Project Cars has a slight length from above. Of course, the developers have since switched to Project Cars 2, scheduled to be released this fall, but it doesn't change the fact that the original still does it better than almost any other car game out there. Forza Motorsport 4 - Xbox 360It is quite possible that the next Forza 7 will take its place as the best motor racing game ever made, but until then, it is safe to say that Forza Motorsport 4 reigns supreme. Released in 2011 on Xbox 360, Forza Motorsport 4 immediately became known as the first racing simulator of the previous generation of the console thanks to its engaging and balanced handling system, its massive list of cars and, of course, its old-Top Gear integration. It has achieved the perfect balance between difficult and accessible, able to challenge both hardcore simulation fans and attract people who are just looking for a fun pick-up-and-drive experience. Its detractors will point out its initial lack of Porsche (thank you, Electronic Arts), a slightly less extensive range of tracks, and the whole novice-friendly configuration, but compare it to its contemporaries-Gran Turismo 5 and 6 may be presented more cars, but a system of superficial damage as well as the odious recycling of the ugly car models of the PS2 days without cockpit view made for a less polished experience compared to Forza 4. This in turn makes Forza's obsession with making even the smallest details about his cars all the more impressive. It was also the last game of the series to try to offer a global simulation experience, with wacky cars like the Pontiac Aztec and GMC Vandura sharing the screen with glorious hypercars like the Ferrari LaFerrari. The following entries focused more on professional racing, leaving Forza Motorsport 4 as the car game ultimate around. Hydro Thunder/ Wave Race 64: Okay, so it's not motor racing per se, but these two late nineties water racers deserve honorable mention for both pushing the boundaries of the day's technology by making their courses water filled, and creating two incredibly fun games in the Hydro Thunder can be found on Xbox Live - it's still as fun without the full-size arcade cabinet - while you can still barrel ride through Wave Race 64 on the Wii U Virtual Console.Road rash, SODA Off-Road Racing, Nascar Racing 2003 Season (also Papyrus): Of all the developers represented on this list, few are as wide and influential in their release as Papyrus Design Group in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. In addition to Grand Prix Legends, we can thank these people for the favorite cult PC version of the motorcycle fighter rider Road Rash, SODA Off-Road Racing and its crazy track editor, and NASCAR Racing 2003 Season, which was so advanced for its time that real drivers like Dale Earnhardt, Jr. would use it in training. In addition, one of the founders continued to develop iRacing once the company folded. Trackmania: Speaking of track editors, the king is still alive and kicking. The series has gotten a little schizophrenic in its entries since the original hit the scene in 2004, but there's no denying its basic recipe for success: taking fun little cars and putting them on crazy custom track configurations that would put even the biggest hot wheel track in the world to shame. If you've heard people compare the new stunt races from Grand Theft Auto Online to Trackmania, but have never had the opportunity to experience it yourself, check it out on Steam.Driver: Driver would be listed at the top, but for semantics. Given the title of the list, we tried to keep it for racing games, while Driver is a game on, well, driving. But in every other respect, gt interactive gritty love letter to classic Hollywood car chase scenes from the 1970s is more fun than many other games listed here. Jumping and sliding (and losing hubcaps) around almost realistic and open facsimiles of Miami, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York in a vulture boat is always a lot of fun thanks to the physics and damage systems that were way ahead of their time. Subsequent games in the series tried to capture the same magic, but none hit the nail on the head quite like the original. Grand Theft Auto V: Whatever your feelings about how Rockstar Games decided to focus on GTA Online, there's no denying that Grand Theft Auto V is one of the largest automotive experiences in video games today. Of course, physics can be a bit wonky and far too forgiving, but there's no other game that gives you the freedom to try to drive a dump truck up a mountain trail, or jump an ATV on the highway, or try (and fail) to beat a train at a crossing, or conduct the world's biggest police chase. Yes literally everything you can dream of within the confines of San Andreas. It's not the best car game, but it's the most car game, and that counts for something.

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