Switch 2 Pro Controller
Setup & Remapping Guide

A free companion guide for Nintendo Switch 2 owners. Pair it, remap it, and keep it charged — in ten minutes.

1. First-Time Pairing

Turn on your Switch 2 and go to the HOME Menu. Open Controllers, then Change Grip/Order. Press the small sync button on the top of the Pro Controller. The player LED will blink, then stay solid once paired. For wired play, connect the included USB-C cable to the Switch 2 dock. The controller works in wired mode even while charging.

2. Remapping the GL and GR Rear Buttons

Open System Settings, then Controllers and Accessories, then Change Button Mapping. Pick the Pro Controller, then choose a button to remap. Press GL or GR, then press the button you want it to copy. Save the mapping for that game. You can set different mappings per game and per player. A good starter setup: map GL to jump and GR to dodge in action games, so your thumbs never leave the sticks.

3. GameChat Setup (C Button)

Press the C button to open GameChat. You need a Nintendo Account, an internet connection, and a paid Nintendo Switch Online membership. Plug a headset into the 3.5 mm jack for the clearest voice chat. While headphones are plugged in, TV audio mutes automatically. If you never use voice chat, you can ignore the C button entirely.

4. Battery Care

Expect around 40 hours per charge with normal play. A full charge takes about 3 hours over USB-C. Charge with the included cable on the Switch 2 dock. Avoid leaving the controller fully drained for weeks. If you play daily, a weekly top-up is usually enough.

5. Quick Troubleshooting

Problem	Fix
Controller will not pair	Hold the sync button for 3 seconds; move closer to the console.
Sticks feel off	Recalibrate in System Settings, Controllers and Accessories.
GameChat has no sound	Check the headset jack; confirm your membership is active.
Battery drains fast	Turn off HD Rumble for that game; check for a stuck button.

Tip: The Pro Controller works only with Nintendo Switch 2. It does not officially work with the original Switch or with a PC. Buy the original Switch Pro Controller for the older console.

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