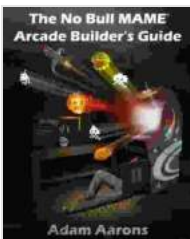# The No Bull MAME Arcade Builder Guide

Or How to Build Your MAME Compatible Home Arcade

Building your own MAME compatible home arcade is a great way to enjoy classic arcade games in the comfort of your own home. It's also a fun and rewarding project that can be completed in a weekend or two.

This guide will walk you through everything you need to know about building your own MAME compatible home arcade, from choosing the right hardware and software to troubleshooting common problems.

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Choosing the Right Hardware

The first step in building your own MAME compatible home arcade is choosing the right hardware. You'll need a computer, a monitor, and an arcade controller.

Computer

The computer you use for your MAME compatible home arcade will need to be powerful enough to run MAME and your favorite arcade games. A good starting point is a computer with an Intel Core i5 processor and 8GB of RAM. If you plan on playing more demanding games, you may need a more powerful computer.

Monitor

The monitor you use for your MAME compatible home arcade should be large enough to provide a comfortable viewing experience. A good size for most people is a 24-inch monitor. You'll also want to make sure that the monitor has a low response time and input lag, which will help to reduce the amount of lag between when you press a button on the arcade controller and when the action appears on the screen.

Arcade Controller

The arcade controller is the most important part of your MAME compatible home arcade. It's what you'll use to control the games, so it's important to choose one that is comfortable and responsive.

There are many different types of arcade controllers available, so it's important to do some research to find one that is right for you. Some of the most popular types of arcade controllers include:

- **Joystick**: Joysticks are the most common type of arcade controller. They are typically used for games that require precise control, such as fighting games and shooters.

- **Trackball**: Trackballs are another popular type of arcade controller. They are typically used for games that require fast and accurate movement, such as racing games and maze games.

- **Spinner**: Spinners are a type of arcade controller that is used for games that require spinning motions, such as driving games and flight simulators.

- **Button**: Buttons are a type of arcade controller that is used for games that require quick and simple inputs, such as button-mashing games and action games.

Once you have chosen the right hardware, you can start building your MAME compatible home arcade.

Building Your MAME Compatible Home Arcade

The first step in building your MAME compatible home arcade is to assemble the cabinet. You can either build your own cabinet from scratch or Free Download a pre-built cabinet. If you decide to build your own cabinet, there are many different plans available online.

Once you have assembled the cabinet, you can start installing the hardware. The first step is to install the computer. You can either mount the computer inside the cabinet or outside the cabinet. If you decide to mount the computer inside the cabinet, you will need to make sure that there is enough ventilation to prevent the computer from overheating.

Once you have installed the computer, you can start installing the monitor. The monitor should be mounted at a comfortable viewing height. You may also want to tilt the monitor slightly to reduce glare.

The next step is to install the arcade controller. The arcade controller should be mounted in a comfortable position. You may also want to add a wrist rest to the arcade controller to make it more comfortable to use.

Once you have installed the hardware, you can start installing the software. The first step is to install the MAME emulator. MAME is a free and open-source emulator that can run classic arcade games on your computer.

Once you have installed MAME, you can start adding games to your library. You can download arcade games from the Internet or rip them from your own arcade game cartridges.

Once you have added games to your library, you can start playing them. To play a game, simply select it from the MAME menu and press the "Play" button.
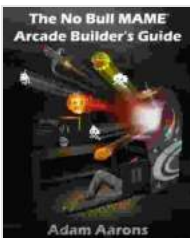
Troubleshooting Common Problems

If you are having problems with your MAME compatible home arcade, there are a few things you can try to troubleshoot the problem.

- **Make sure that all of the hardware is properly connected.**

- **Make sure that the MAME emulator is properly installed.**

- **Make sure that you have the correct drivers installed for your arcade controller.**

- **Try running the MAME emulator in compatibility mode.**

- **Try updating the MAME emulator to the latest version.**

If you are still having problems, you can post a question on the MAME forums. The MAME community is very helpful, and they will be able to help you troubleshoot your problem.

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