

N64 Disc Drive

Better known as the N64DD, this was an expansion available for the original N64 that would allow for the loading from discs instead of cartridges.

Largely a commercial failure, never left Japan. But the few titles that were developed and released for it were incredible.



Using [libretro-Mupen64Plus-Next](#)

To play N64DD games:

1. First make sure that you have the right N64DD BIOS file at the right location (see above).
2. Place your N64DD cartridge ROMs in `/userdata/roms/n64dd`. They should have the extension `.z64`.
3. Place your N64DD disk ROMs in the same `/userdata/roms/n64dd`. They should have the extension `.z64.ndd`.
4. While hovering over the game in the gamelist, press [SELECT] and set the emulator to [libretro: Mupen64Plus-Next](#).

Emulators/configuration are the same as the regular N64 emulators.

Using [libretro-Parallel64](#)

Libretro-Parallel64 enables standalone N64DD games like *SimCity 64* or the *Mario Artist* series. These aren't expansions but full games running originally on floppy disks. To play these games:

1. First make sure that you have the right N64DD BIOS file at the right location (see above).
2. Place your N64DD disk ROMs in `/userdata/roms/n64dd`. They should have the extension `.ndd`.
3. While hovering over the game in the gamelist, press [SELECT] and set the emulator to [libretro: Parallel N64](#) and the Graphics API to Vulkan.
4. Then you can launch the game from EmulationStation

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