



NEW TRAILER GIVES AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT MARIO KART LIVE: HOME CIRCUIT FOR NINTENDO SWITCH

Ready, set-up, go! Bring the frenetic action of Mario Kart to life in the real world when Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit launches for Nintendo Switch on 16th October

2nd October, 2020 – First revealed in the [Super Mario Bros. 35th Anniversary Direct – 03.09.2020](#), [Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit](#) is set to provide a completely new *Mario Kart* experience for both series veterans and newcomers alike when it launches for [Nintendo Switch](#) on 16th October. Now, the [Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit – Launch Trailer](#) offers a deeper look at what's in store. Created in partnership by Nintendo and Velan Studios, **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit** uses AR technology to bridge the gap between the virtual world of *Mario Kart* and the real world of the living room, bringing fast and frenetic Mushroom Kingdom motorsports to life with a combination of on-screen gameplay and physical kart racing. Check out the [Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit – A message from developer Velan Studios](#) video for a further insight into **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit** and its development story.

Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit includes everything Nintendo Switch owners need to get ready, set up and go: one kart – with either Mario or Luigi in the driving seat, depending on the set you choose – plus four gates, two arrow markers that can be used to enhance your tracks, and a USB charging cable for the kart. The software comes in the form of a free download from Nintendo eShop, which, once downloaded, syncs up with your physical kart hardware.*

Set up for the game involves placing the four gates around your living space, then driving through each of them in turn to create a track layout. Creativity is key and many different shapes

of track can be designed, from simple and classic to more complex layouts, full of twists and turns. It's recommended to have an area of at least 3.5m x 3m to play in, but beyond that, any living space, large or small, can be transformed into a unique *Mario Kart* experience, with countless course combinations possible even in smaller rooms. Once the track has been set up, it's time to race!

The main mode of **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit** is Grand Prix, where players will face off against the Koopalings across eight Grand Prix featuring 24 different courses in total. In every race, familiar *Mario Kart* elements in the game affect the physical kart itself, bringing the frenetic fun of *Mario Kart* into a whole new dimension. Grabbing a mushroom in-game gives the physical kart a speed boost, whereas getting hit by a red shell will stop the kart in its tracks. A range of well-known items from the *Mario Kart* series are present, including slippery banana skins, ink-spilling Bloopers, and even Bullet Bills that enable the kart to surge around the course at high speed, steering itself. Different environmental themes, such as underwater, volcanic and retro, spice things up further by introducing a variety of in-game hazards and features – all of which affect the kart in real life. Collecting coins in-game will also unlock customisation options, allowing players to spruce up their on-screen look with different costumes and kart types. Similarly to [Mario Kart 8 Deluxe](#), there's also a steering assist option, to help the kart stay on the track and allow younger or less experienced players to join in on the fun.

In addition to Grand Prix mode, there are various other ways to play **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit**:

- Custom Race: This mode gives players even more room for creativity, designing not just the physical layout of the track but also adding hazards, items and more to bring truly unique creations to life.
- Time Trial: Players create a track and then race to set the fastest time possible – competing either against their own personal best, or handing the controller to another player for an exciting Time Trial head-to-head that requires only one Nintendo Switch console and one copy of **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit**.
- Mirror Mode: For those who fancy an extra challenge, this mode allows all of the Grand Prix tracks to be played in mirror image, with right turns becoming left and the familiar becoming unfamiliar.

With multiple Nintendo Switch consoles and copies of **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit**, up to 4 players can race against each other in either Grand Prix or Custom Race modes**. With so many different ways to play, and the ability to utilise furniture, toys and other household objects to create unique home racetracks every time, **Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit** offers a world of possibilities for imaginative racers of all ages and experience levels.

Created in partnership by Nintendo and Velan Studios, Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit is an all-new Mario Kart experience for Nintendo Switch that brings fast and frenetic Mushroom Kingdom motorsports to life, as players race physical karts around custom racetracks created in their own homes. Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit is available as both a Mario set and a Luigi set, and launches at retail on 16th October 2020.

Related videos:

Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit – Launch Trailer	https://youtu.be/t5qHotjcOTA
Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit – A message from developer Velan Studios	https://youtu.be/sBTb1gG_fvo

Notes To Editors:

* Internet connection required.

** One Nintendo Switch or Nintendo Switch Lite console and one copy of Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit required per player.

For further updates:

Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit website <http://www.nintendo.co.uk/mariokartlive>

Nintendo website <http://www.nintendo.co.uk>

Nintendo Switch website <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/nintendoswitch>

Super Mario Bros. 35th anniversary website <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/mario35>

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Super Mario on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SuperMarioUK>

Mario Kart on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MarioKart>

Nintendo UK on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/NintendoUK>

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About Velan:

Velan Studios was founded in 2016 by game industry veterans Guha and Karthik Bala to create breakthrough games that are magic. Published by Nintendo, *Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit* is the studio's first release. The Velan team is comprised of world class game makers who have worked on several of the most innovative game franchises of the last 20 years. The studio is based in Troy, NY, the center of Upstate New York's growing game development cluster. For more information about Velan, please visit <https://www.velanstudios.com/>.

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