**Handheld consoles**

**If you choose to buy a handheld console, you have to bear in mind the cost of buying external storage (SD card), especially for PS Vita Slim.**

\*Prices are according to [Amazon.com](http://amazon.com/) and it is converted in current exchange rates:

1 USD = 0.38 OMR/1 OMR = 2.60 USD

\*\*Click the picture of the product so it will take you to Amazon.com with the product listing.

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| Product\*\* |  |  |
| Name | **Sony PlayStation Vita Slim** | **New Nintendo 3DS XL** |
| Release Year | 2013 | 2015 |
| Storage | 1GB (not enough storage as games take more space) | 1GB (+4GB SD card included) |
| Expandable Storage\* | 4/8/16/32/64GB price ranging from 10 OMR to 35 OMR (Sony’s proprietary memory card, not microSD) | Supports microSD up to 2GB and microSDHC from 4GB to 32 GB. |
| Pre-loaded Games | Zero BUT free games available at PS store. You can also purchase digital games from PSN store. | Zero BUT free games available at Nintendo store. You can also purchase digital games from Nintendo store. |
| Price\* | 76 OMR | 82 OMR |
| Highlight | OLED display | Facial Recognition, 2 LCD displays |

**Home Consoles**

**Please bear in mind the different variants when purchasing an Xbox /PlayStation console because you will get confused. Microsoft Xbox 360 E is the latest version of the last generation console. E does not stand for Elite which released back in 2008. Also, bear in mind the amount of storage you are buying. Base model Xbox 360 E with 4GB is not ENOUGH!**

**Coming to Sony, PlayStation 3 Super Slim is the newest version of the last generation console**.

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| Product\*\* |  |  |
| Name | **Microsoft Xbox 360 E** | **Sony PlayStation 3 Super Slim** |
| Release Year | 2013 | 2015 |
| Storage | 4GB – NOT ENOUGH!  Also available in 250GB variants.  Great to buy 500 GB. | Also available in 250GB variants.  Great to buy 500 GB. |
| Expandable Storage | Do not worry about this because you can store plenty of games with 500GB storage. | Do not worry about this because you can store plenty of games with 500GB storage. |
| Pre-loaded Games | Make sure you purchase a bundle meaning that it should come with a game or two. Otherwise, you have to purchase games separately which ranges anywhere between 4 OMR to 23 OMR. | I have not seen any PS3 Super Slim model coming with a bundle. If it did, then buy it with a bundle. Otherwise, you have to buy game separately which ranges anywhere between 5 OMR to 23 OMR. |
| Price\* | 96 OMR – Bundle with Call of duty (shooting game). There are more bundles available with Xbox 360 E with different prices. | 104 OMR – Non-bundle value since PS3 mostly does not come with a bundle. |
| Highlight | Exclusive games titles available compared to PS3 | Blu-ray compatible |

**Verdict:**

**If you are purchasing a handheld console, Nintento 3DS XL will be a great choice since it already comes with a 1 GB + 4GB (microSD) storage right out of the box which lets you to store more games.**

**If you are purchasing a home console, Microsoft Xbox 360 E will be a great choice since most of them comes with a bundle which lets you play games out of the box. Also, it has a wide range of games compared to PlayStation with cheaper prices. I PURCHASED ONE BACK IN 2013 AND IT IS STILL AN AMAZING PLATFORM!**

**I DID NOT MENTION THE CURRENT GENERATION CONSOLES IN THIS REVIEW BECAUSE YOU DO NOT NEED THEM ANYWAY. I AM SURE THEY WILL THE FOLLOWING DEVICES IN SHOPPING MALLS ALL THROUGHTOUT MUSCAT BECAUSE THEY ARE CURRENT GENERATION CONSOLES. DON NOT BUY THEM BUT CHECK THEM OUT:**

**MICROSOFT XBOX ONE S -** [**https://www.amazon.com/Xbox-One-1TB-Console-Horizon-Bundle/dp/B01NAUSD9I/ref=sr\_1\_5?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214731&sr=1-5&keywords=xbox+ONE+BUNDLE**](https://www.amazon.com/Xbox-One-1TB-Console-Horizon-Bundle/dp/B01NAUSD9I/ref=sr_1_5?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214731&sr=1-5&keywords=xbox+ONE+BUNDLE)

**SONY PLAYSTATION 4 PRO -** [**https://www.amazon.com/PlayStation-4-Pro-1TB-Console/dp/B01LOP8EZC/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214779&sr=1-1&keywords=PS4+PRO**](https://www.amazon.com/PlayStation-4-Pro-1TB-Console/dp/B01LOP8EZC/ref=sr_1_1?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214779&sr=1-1&keywords=PS4+PRO)

**NINENTO SWITCH -** [**https://www.amazon.com/Nintendo-Switch-Neon-Blue-Red-Joy/dp/B01MUAGZ49/ref=sr\_1\_4?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214807&sr=1-4&keywords=nintendo+switch**](https://www.amazon.com/Nintendo-Switch-Neon-Blue-Red-Joy/dp/B01MUAGZ49/ref=sr_1_4?s=videogames&ie=UTF8&qid=1509214807&sr=1-4&keywords=nintendo+switch)