

City rider

There are no changes to the adjustable suspension over the Mach 2, so while the ride quality remains a bit stiff on the rear, the front now feels like it can tackle Mumbai's potholes much better.

Beauty and the brain

It's got brains too. We're talking 3-level traction control, 10 levels of regenerative braking, hill hold, and even movement alerts to keep your precious ride safe.



Big numbers

The slight upright riding position now makes the F77 a friendly motorcycle on uneven patches even while handling its massive 210kg weight. The Recon variant has a 10.3 kWh battery with a claimed range of 323 km.

HOT FOUR #2

HANDLE WITH CARE

ULTRAVIOLETTE SUPERSTREET RECON

This ain't your grandma's electric scooter. The SuperStreet (Recon variant) packs a 10.3kWh battery punch, delivering a peak power output of 30kW (that's 40.2 hp for the petrolheads) and a tire-shredding 100 Nm of torque. 0 to 60 km/h? Try a mere 2.8 seconds. Top speed? A cool 155 km/h. And with an IDC range of 323 km, you can leave range anxiety in the dust. Now if you're wondering if these numbers sound very similar to the Ultraviolette F77 Mach 2 then you're absolutely right. The SuperStreet and Mach 2 are pretty much similar besides their handlebar positioning. Ultraviolette has increased the handlebar height by 80 to 90mm and made it wider as well by roughly 30mm which results in a more upright riding position. No more back aches, eh? The SuperStreet comes in two variants: the standard SuperStreet and the SuperStreet Recon, each available in four eye-popping colours. The standard SuperStreet variant outputs 27kW (36.2 hp) and a peak torque of 90 Nm. It has a 7.1kWh battery with an IDC range of 211 km. And if you're looking to pimp your ride, Ultraviolette offers a whole range of accessories, from aero discs to panniers.

As hot as... a thunder cracker

From ₹2,99,000 / ultraviolette.com



AI that is smart at play

Nvidia ACE which powers autonomous game characters capable of perceiving, planning, and acting in games like *PUBG: Battlegrounds* and *InZOI*.

HOT FOUR #4

FAKE RAY TRACING IS REAL!

Nvidia GeForce RTX 5090

Nvidia's undisputed when it comes to high-end premium graphics performance, anything from Team Green that costs upwards of a lakh is usually stacked with technology which baffles the most nerdy minds. The RTX 5090 is packed to the brim with raw performance. Still, more importantly, the Blackwell architecture is built from the ground up for AI performance.

Yes, Nvidia also launched the 5080 and the 5070 but RTX 5090 is the star of the show — it features 92 billion transistors and handles over 3,352 trillion AI operations per second (TOPS). Nvidia reckons it's twice as fast as the RTX 4090. And it's not just the big guns, the company claims the entire RTX 50 lineup, from the 5090 down to the 5070, delivers double the performance of their last-gen equivalents across all benchmarks shared.

In the footnotes, Nvidia reveals that the RTX 5090 runs with DLSS 4, compared to DLSS 3 on the RTX 4090. The big DLSS 4 upgrade? Multi-frame generation, which uses AI to conjure up three frames for every rendered frame, delivering up to an 8x frame rate boost over traditional rendering.

As hot as... the stock market after launch

₹2,14,000 / nvidia.com/en-in/



FIRST PLAY ASSASSIN'S CREED SHADOWS PC, PS5, XSX

This isn't the first time AC has had two playable characters for the entire game. Remember Assassin's Creed Syndicate? Jacob and Evie Frye, the twins who became assassins in that game serve as the foundation of what Shadows is attempting with Naoe and Yasuke. Shadows immediately proves to be the better game by making Yasuke and Naoe opposites. Like putting oil in water, the two characters never really play or feel similar to each other and that makes every mission feel fresh even if you do it twice!

Naoe is definitely the textbook assassin in the game. She's got the hidden blade and the hood to match, along with the excellent parkour skills that make the clay and straw roofs of 16th-century Japan her personal jungle gym. Yasuke is a Samurai, taken in and trained by Nobunaga. He's not trained by the stab-happy cult of Assassins or a family of ninjas so Yasuke cannot climb roofs and stab evildoers in the dark. He's a 6-foot-tall tank that relies on his brute strength.

The way you approach missions depends on which of the two characters you pick at the start of the mission and based on that, the bloodshed to the boss is going to be different. Neither of them can do what the other can and this freedom in gameplay makes this a compelling game.

Shadows is hoping to balance that open-world brutality of Odyssey and Valhalla with the tiptoeing stealth of Mirage. The setting is just perfect with the civil wars of the Sengoku period in 16th-century Japan serving as the perfect Petri dish for betrayals, bloodshed and brotherhood.



Seven heaven

Didn't expect to be kicking off the year with a Xiaomi tablet review, but here we are! And let me tell you, the Xiaomi Pad 7 has seriously impressed us.

₹27,999/ mi.com/in

[Words Khumail Thakur]

It's not about flashy gimmicks or eye-watering prices, this tablet just delivers a fantastic Android experience without emptying your wallet.

First look at the Pad 7; you'll barely be able to tell the difference from Pad 6 which launched two years ago. However, there's a noticeable heft to the overall construction of the Pad 7. It's all glass and aluminium here like an iPad and Xiaomi has removed the connector lining that joins the glass to the frame. It's now a proper flat design identical to an iPad.

This is a sharp display. More pixels on a display are always welcome and the 3.2K resolution (3200x2136) on this LCD makes everything clear and sharp. 345 pixels per inch means the content looks clear and the text looks sharp. Of course, HDR content on this won't kick an OLED panel out of business but for an LCD, this display is sharp, punchy and packs plenty of brightness.



Matte matters
Budding and amateur photographers wouldn't mind having this in their bag for photo editing on the go. If you want to take this and work on the move, then Xiaomi will also sell you a ₹31,999 variant with a Nano-Texture Glass Display that cuts out glare.

Play more, work more
The Xiaomi runs cooler under multitasking and gaming load. There's a negligible drop in performance when playing games or editing in Lightroom over an extended time. That's unsurprising because tablets have bigger heat-dissipating areas than smartphones.

Pen your thoughts
Whip out the Xiaomi Focus Pen that is sold separately and you can start editing your photos with the pen's precision. However, it's not as smooth as the Apple Pencil. Catching the edit sliders in Lightroom with the Focus Pen can take a few tries. It's a good tool for office work.

GOOD
MEH
EVIL

- Nice screen! Sharp and colourful
- What's this keyboard. Wow!
- Eh, the Pen can be skipped
- Runs fast and cool, good for the price
- Hello, HyperOS is feeling slick!
- Works so well with a Xiaomi phone



Type your feelings
The Xiaomi Focus Keyboard is almost identical to the Apple Magic Keyboard. It's made of soft leatherette material that feels nice to touch and hold. It's compact and feels premium. Once you try it, there's no going back and you might also start questioning Apple's price.

More RAM is good
If your use requires a lot of photo and video editing then the 256GB + 12GB variant we have for review has a UFS 4.0 storage which is faster and costs ₹30,999. We dumped high-resolution photos into Lightroom and the Xiaomi Pad 7 handles it like a champ.

Tech specs

Display 11.2-inch LCD 144Hz **Resolution** 3200 x 2136 **Processor** Snapdragon 7+ Gen 3 **RAM** 8/12GB
Camera 13MP rear, 8MP front
Battery 8850mAh, Supports 45W wired charging **Weight** 500g

Apple in a Xiaomi skin?

Android tablets are seriously getting better each year and the Xiaomi is in the front of the Android herd.



Work anywhere
Carrying this in a cab or a flight to finish work is easy and good since the tablet itself is floating on the hinge and doesn't wobble. The front camera is also positioned in a landscape mode so you'll look like a true professional on Zoom.



Family business
Bring a Xiaomi smartphone with HyperOS next to this thing and you can control it from the tablet itself. You can drag and drop files with incredible speeds on this connection. You can even open apps from your phone on the tablet.



Writer's delight
The Xiaomi's plastic trackpad is not bad but it's not as smooth as Apple's. It's also a smaller trackpad. That said, the keys are better than Apple's. There's more key travel and the keys are backlit as well.



Presentation pen
The Focus Pen has a dedicated button which lets you use the Focus Pen as a pointer for presentations. The other button lets you bring up Mi Canvas for writing and sketching, and the third one lets you take a screenshot. Nice!



Xiaomi has crafted a real gem with the Pad 7. It's not just a pretty face with its sleek design and vibrant display, but it also packs a punch in performance, making it a great companion for both work and play. The Pad 7 is a testament to how far Android tablets have come, offering a premium experience without the premium price tag. Buy that keyboard too! *@khumailthakur*

STUFF SAYS ★★★★★
Xiaomi's Pad 7 is not just an iPad wannabe, it's an iPad beater! It's great for the price and doesn't cut corners.

NOW APP THESE



OBS Studio
The best free streaming software around isn't the most intuitive way to get into it as a newbie, but once you've got to grips with its quirks it proves itself to be a powerful, easily moddable pro-quality platform.
₹free / obsproject.com



Canva
Need a pro-looking logo or overlay for your stream? Canva's simple, straightforward graphic design tools with drag-and-drop controls will help you knock something up in minutes – free of charge.
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CapCut
Want to edit and trim your streams down for highlight reels or social media clips? CapCut is less intimidating than the likes of Premiere Pro or Resolve, does great auto-captioning and is a perfect choice for quick edits.
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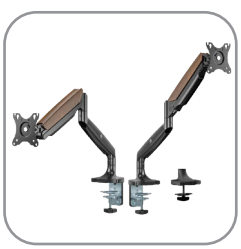
Asus ROG Swift OLED PG32UCDM

The asking price is frankly frightening, but if your job is to spend all day looking at a screen you might as well make it an exceptional one. This 32in 4K Dolby Vision OLED monitor is as smooth as an eel (240Hz refresh rate) and responsive as a cat (0.03ms response time). It also comes with superb colour reproduction and a graphene film behind the panel to reduce operating temperatures during long gaming sessions.
₹1,44,799 / mdcomputers.in



Green Soul Vision Gaming Chair

Craving comfort and victory? The Green Soul Vision Gaming Chair is your answer. Ergonomic design meets breathable fabric for marathon streaming sessions. Adjustable everything ensures perfect posture, so you can frag in comfort. We've been using the Green Soul Monster, similar to this and you can go for that too for a 'gamer' look. Stream for hours in supreme comfort. Your viewers will thank you (and your back will too).
₹18,999 / greensoul.online



Flowlyf Monitor Arm

Chances are you'll need one of these, or maybe two! This beast handles even the chonkiest displays with ease, offering ultimate adjustability. Swivel, tilt, rotate – achieve ergonomic nirvana and reclaim your desk space. It also looks a bit aesthetic and not like others that are just black metal rods. Built like a tank, it's ready for your multi-monitor mayhem. Say goodbye to neck strain and hello to streaming.
₹5190 / amazon.in



Razer Seiren V3 Chroma

Think a microphone needs to be functional and nothing more? Razer doesn't agree, having furnished its latest desktop USB condenser mic with an extremely eye-catching array of LED lighting. What's more, the lights will react to events in Chroma-compatible games, and to emotes and alerts during your stream. A touchpad on top of the mic offers one-tap muting, while a long press toggles gain and volume control.
₹19,999 / amazon.in

Open for all
The most fun thing about the Prompter is that if your camera is not supported, you can 3D print an accessory for it and customize it for yourself.



Eye contact
You can even drop Zoom and Microsoft Teams here and look your boss straight in the eye while giving a presentation.

THE STREAMER

Capture your way
The most versatile thing about the Elgato Prompter is its mounting system that can house many sizes of camera lenses and support smartphones and webcams.



CORSAIR ELGATO PROMPTER

$279 / corsair.com

Livestreaming isn't a career for shy and retiring types. Yes, you might eschew the high-energy hooting and hollering approach that seems to be the default setting for many successful videogame streamers, but it's a fact that you'll need to be comfortable 'performing' on camera at least some of the time.

For some, the hardware itself is the issue. Staring down the gaping lens barrel of a mirrorless camera can pull you away from your viewers, especially while reading the comment or chat sections. So a minimalist black rectangle that wouldn't look out of place on the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. This is clearly designed to sit unobtrusively with your camera, and it does that job admirably. No faffing about with complicated setups here; it's a simple plug-and-play affair, which is always a bonus in my book. Nobody wants to wrestle with cables and drivers when they're about to go live, do they? The Prompter will make making eye contact with your viewers easy peasy.

The real magic, of course, is that big 9" bright screen. It's crystal clear, even in a brightly lit room, and the text scrolls smoothly, making it easy to read your notes or scripts without looking like you're reading from a cue card (we've all been there!). You can adjust the scrolling speed to match your natural speaking pace, which is crucial for a polished presentation. No more "umms" and "errs" – just smooth, flowing prose, like a seasoned pro.

Now, here's the thing: a teleprompter is only as good as the software that drives it. And Elgato's software is... well, it's decent. It gets the job done, allowing you to import your scripts, adjust the font size and scrolling speed, and even control the prompter with a foot pedal (sold separately, naturally).

The screen is detected as a secondary display on your Windows, MacOS and Android devices (no iOS, sorry) so even if you don't want to wrestle with Elgato's software, you can drop any window onto the display and get going. And it flips the content on the display for you.

Key specs
● 9inch 1024 x 600 px ● 49, 52, 55, 58, 62, 67, 72, 77, 82 mm camera rings ● USB-C

STUFF SAYS Perfect for anyone who has a script ready but not eye contact ★★★★☆

BUYING ADVICE

● **Have fun**
The only products you need for streaming are a PC, a broadband connection and an OK microphone. More important is how entertaining you are.

● **Be a wild card**
These days you probably don't need a capture card, especially when starting out. OBS Studio can record your entire stream while broadcasting.

● **See the light**
If you're going on camera and you don't want to look like a potato, get some lighting. A simple ring or key light will do the job, and give your stream a far more professional look.

To be B2B...

We can't stop calling the HMD Fusion a Nokia smartphone because it retains so much of Nokia's DNA with a clean UI and truly intriguing stuff



Power of 100
The photos from the rear camera are done well. The colour and tone are judged really well and even the sharpness is done tastefully.

₹17,999 / amazon.in

The HMD Fusion is a brave new step into the modular smartphone world, at least sort of. Forget magnetic attachments, this thing is all about snap-on "Outfits" that fundamentally bring more functionality. It's a concept we haven't seen truly embraced since the ill-fated Moto Z series.

The Fusion itself, sans Outfit, is surprisingly sleek and understated. It's got a smooth, matte finish back panel that resists fingerprints like a champ, and the rounded edges make it comfortable to hold, even with its generous 6.56-inch display.

It's available only in black colour in India but the real deal of the Fusion is the exposed screws on the back and the six pogo pins. You see, this smartphone has HMD's Gen2 reparability for user-friendly maintenance which means you can unscrew this thing on your own and replace any parts in the future.

The industrial design is a clean, minimalist aesthetic that will appeal to those who prefer their tech understated. The six pogo pin connector at the back lets you connect HMD's accessories called Outfits. Think of them as supercharged phone cases. Here in India, HMD has launched two interesting options to start – gaming controller and another is a cover with a flip up camera ring light.



Gaming on the go
This is essentially a gaming controller for your smartphone. It connects to the smartphone via the six pogo pins at the back and you're ready to go. It's a great quality controller with clickable buttons and an ergonomic grip.



Light up my human
This is probably a selfie lover's dream come true. It's a smartphone case with a foldable RGB LED flash ring that provides extra light while clicking photos. It's a really interesting accessory and we can see many using.

Tech specs

Processor Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 **Camera** 108 MP (rear), 50MP (front camera) **Storage** 256GB **RAM** 8GB **Display** 6.56in, HD+ (720 x 1612), 90Hz refresh rate **Battery** 5000 mAh, with 33W charger in the box

STUFF SAYS Tries to be more than a phone but not for regular consumers ★★★☆☆

I miss Nokia but what happened?
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This is a unique device with a lot of potential, but it feels like it's still in its early stages. The modular Outfit system is innovative, but the limited selection. Performance is not as good as the competition. It doesn't even have an AMOLED screen. It's an LCD display with HD+ resolution (720x1612). The true value might lie in its potential for customization and development, making it more appealing to businesses and nerds.

PS5, Xbox, PC / focus-entm.com

Warhammer 40,000: Space Marine 2

Warhammer 40,000: Space Marine 2 takes the grimdark, over-the-top aesthetic of its predecessor and cranks it up to 11

The story picks up with Lieutenant Titus, now donning a new rank as a Captain, returning to the forefront of humanity's desperate war for survival. The Tyranid invasion has reached catastrophic levels, threatening to engulf the Imperium of Man in a tide of teeth and claws. Titus, alongside a squad of battle-hardened Ultramarines, takes the fight to the enemy, delivering righteous retribution. The narrative strikes a perfect balance between grimdark lore and bombastic action, keeping you invested while ensuring every mission feels monumental.

From the moment you step into the ceramite boots of Titus, you're greeted by visuals so crisp and vivid, they'd make the Mechanicus priests blush. The level design is varied and expansive, ranging from bombed-out cities teeming with swarms of Tyranids to the gothic spires of an Imperial stronghold under siege. The combat scenarios encourage a mix of ranged firepower and up-close melee, and the ability to seamlessly transition between the two keeps the gameplay dynamic and thrilling. Special abilities, like Titus' devastating ground slam, add an extra layer of strategy, letting you control the battlefield in style.

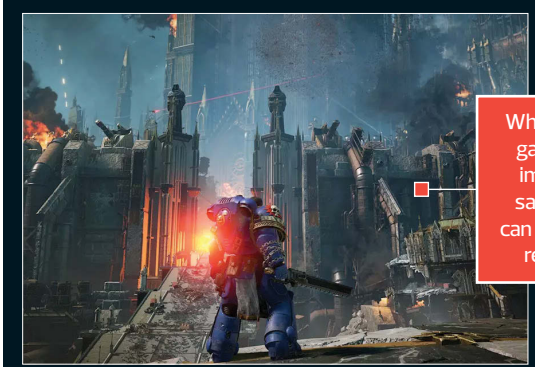
The combat in Space Marine 2 is an adrenaline-fueled ballet of violence. Melee swings with a chainsword land with enough force to make you flinch, while the iconic bolter feels like a hand-held thunderstorm. The addition of co-op mode is a masterstroke. Teaming up with two other players (or AI companions) to tackle the Tyranid swarms adds layers of strategy and camaraderie to the chaos. However, the AI companions can feel a little lackluster compared to human players, occasionally making questionable tactical decisions that break immersion.

Boss fights, while visually spectacular, could use more variety and depth. Many rely on simple mechanics that boil down to dodging a handful of predictable attacks before unloading damage. While this approach ensures accessibility, more experienced players might find them underwhelming.

Kaizad Billimoria



The orchestral score and ambient sound design are as relentless as the combat.



While the core gameplay is immensely satisfying, it can start to feel repetitive.

STUFF SAYS Brutal, fun and grim albeit a bit repetitive, SM2 is a dark lore lovers paradise ★★★★☆



PS5, Nintendo Switch, PC / lego.com

Lego Horizon Adventures

Were we eagerly waiting for a Lego Horizon game? No. Should you play it? Depends how old you are.

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Lego games have always added a fun and easy-to-digest spin on the existing stories. This time it's Guerrilla Games and Lego that have teamed up to Lego-fy the first game from the Horizon series. Is this brick-based adventure that's more fun than flying a Sunwing?

First things first, let's talk about the visuals. The graphics are so crisp you could cut yourself on them. We're talking lush, vibrant landscapes that look like they were plucked straight from the PS5 version of Horizon Forbidden West. Volumetric smoke and particle effects add another layer of polish, making those brick-shaped robot dinosaur explosions extra satisfying.

But it's not just a pretty face. Lego Horizon Adventures combat is simple but enjoyable. Get ready to explore brick-built versions of iconic Horizon locations, from the sun-drenched plains of the Embrace to the snow-capped peaks of the Cut. Each area is packed with small secrets to discover and combat sections to complete. Of course, there are plenty of those pesky machines to battle. Boss fights are a particular highlight, with giant, screen-filling Lego dinosaurs that will test your skills and your reflexes.

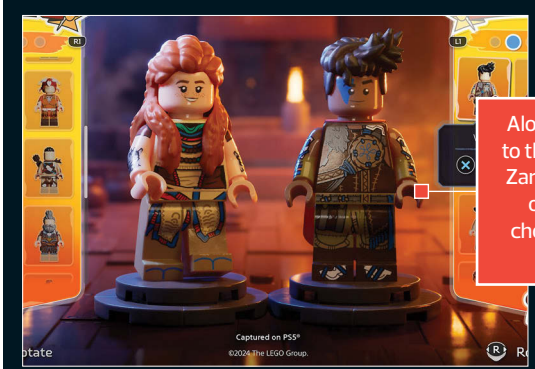
After a few hours, the game's level design starts to lose its sheen. The gameplay remains the same even though you can play as Varl, Rost, Teersa and Erend, all of which have different weapons. The linear progression feels a bit underwhelming after a few hours. It doesn't have enough platforming sections or variety in my opinion but you still get to climb a Tallneck, and now you'll be doing it with a cheeky grin and a healthy dose of slapstick humour. Everything has a playful Lego twist to it.

Let's address the elephant (or should we say Tremortusk) in the room. This game is just to sell you more Lego bricks, isn't it? Lego has already released the first Horizon Lego set and while that's great, the game doesn't feel like a must-have for Lego or Horizon fans.

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All the robo-dinos in this game are made with existing bricks so you can make it too!



Aloy has been to the future of Zara. So many outfits to choose from, yay!

STUFF SAYS Have a little one who wants to game and loves Legos? Start here ★★★☆☆