3DS power button

ZELDA128 11 posts since
Jul 21, 2011
I noticed that if I leave my 3DS off for any extended period of time... it takes two button presses to get the unit to power on. However if I turn it off and turn it on, it only takes one button press. Any ides? I really don't want to send my 3DS in for repairs.

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LAZARNATOR 151 posts since
Jun 6, 2011 1. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 4:33 PM
Your suppost to hold it to turn it of, so your probably no pressing it for long enough.

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Jul 21, 2011 2. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 4:47 PM
Turning it off isn't the issue. It's turning it on.

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Jun 6, 2011 3. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 4:49 PM
oops, then i have no idea, sorry

ZOMGRAVITYTECH 3 posts since
Jul 20, 2011 4. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 4:55 PM
I do not know why this is happening, but you could always call 1-800-895-1672 or any other of Nintendo's service hotlines for assistance. If this button problem is bothering you that much, then I advise you to call them.

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Jul 21, 2011 5. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 5:04 PM
I'm not the only one who is experiencing this? The button thing is not a big deal. I just want to make sure it doesn't lead to serious problems down the road.😊
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GUAPERS 36 posts since
Jul 5, 2011 6. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 5:08 PM
This happen to me too. But isn't a big problem, is just pressing two times the power button to turn it on. If your Power button starts not working, just call nintendo and send it to repair.

BEARDEDONE 1,636 posts since
Apr 15, 2011 7. Re: 3DS power button Jul 21, 2011 10:43 PM
I think maybe it just takes a little while to power on. Try pressing it once and waiting. The second button press may not be doing anything.

R3DH3RO 10 posts since
Oct 21, 2010 8. Re: 3DS power button Aug 12, 2011 7:01 AM
I posted this on Gamefaqs

The first page of people don't really have the problem, but most of the people on the 2nd and 3rd pages do. Myself included.

***Removed link as it contained friend codes. We do not allow the sharing of personal information, including friend codes, on the tech support forums.***

Message was edited by: NOA_TECH_MIKA

NINJAMARIOFAN 26 posts since
Just in case anyone is still reading i have the same thing going on with mine but I don't see it as a problem unless it stops working like somebody else said.

R3DH3RO 10 posts since
Ehhh, my link got modded and I don't know why.... But yeah, I posted a thread on Gamefaqs and it has about 5 pages, 75 percent of people in the thread have the problem. You can search for it on there if you’d like, I'm not going to post a link because I don't want to get modded again.

I hope this gets fixed soon, it's annoying.

I've already had to have my 3DS replaced twice due to a faulty camera. While I don't remember noticing any issues with the power button before the last update, over the last couple weeks I always have to press the power button twice to turn my 3DS on if it's been off for an extended period of time. Once it's on I can turn it off and on usually just pressing it once, however that hasn't always been the case 100% of the time. Hoping this doesn't lead to any more issues down the road, I would hate have to get my 3DS replaced a third time.

I don't usually turn my 3ds off, but when I do I always hold the button down until its done turning on or off. Hope this helps.

Mine is not turning on no blue/red L.C.D light. It still charges, it also smells like something is burning. How do you fix it or send it over... still got the warranty.

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Multiple people have reported the same thing here and including myself have all seemed to have experienced the same thing with their 3DS, so this repeated pressing the power button is probably not a repair issue, but may be just some type of 3DS quirk that may be corrected in a future system update.

This is a big enough deal that they need to put out an emergency update. Because having a game turn off on your multiple times from a slightly misplaced finger isn't acceptable. Terrible design and placement. I have a feeling they didn't anticipate people with larger hands as the system was designed in Japan where hand size is typically smaller. Even without effort, the pinky will slide over the power button.

Simple solution:

1) Add the option to disable the power button while not on the home screen. The user can easily press Home then power to turn it off, if desired.

2) If you press power while in a game, it should give you an option to return to the game.
Ideally, we would have both options, but I would prefer the first as having the game pause while playing would still be annoying. No single button press on the system should exit a game without the option of re-entering - EVER.

Without this feature, I would recommend fans hold off on purchasing the New 3DS, as I am telling my friends.

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I myself am holding off purchasing the New 3DS XL because of all the defects people are reporting.