Three Wii's in under two years.

I'm new to the site and really have only come here because of extreme annoyance.

I've had three wii's in under two years and I am getting more than a little disgusted.

My first wii lasted the longest out of the bunch. It made it around 14 months, working beautifully right up until the last few months when I started playing COD: Black Ops. Then it stopped being able to read that disk. Then it stopped being able to read all of my discs.

Knowing that it was no longer under warranty, I bought a used wii and a brand new copy of black ops (assuming it might have been the disk that caused the damage). I had the new (used) wii for no more than a couple of months when I started getting the disk read error with the black ops game. That wii, however, will still play other games like wii sports and Deca sports, etc.

Not particularly enjoying those games, I decided to buy a new wii a few days ago. Again. I've had it for less than a week and have experienced disk read errors twice now with COD: Black Ops. What is this, Nintedo? The brand new wii is still able to play the game, but I imagine I will continue to get the disk read errors again (just like the last two times) until the system no longer works.

I'm very tempted to return the new one and get my money back, except I don't want to. I love the wii (when it's working). I don't want to have to replace it with a more expensive system that I'm not comfortable with. I aslo should not have to replace it. Again. Ever. Being the most reasonbly priced system, the wii has cost me more than I ever wanted to spend on it.
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Can anyone offer a solution that does not involve me throwing more money at a nintendo product?

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well, i've had my wii for almost 4 years now and it's still working just as it did the day i got it. buying a whole new system isn't always the answer. for the first wii i would have suggested a new disc and then a wii lens cleaning kit, and if that didn't work, a repair. for the second one, since it was used, i would have suggested the same as the first one, except with more emphasis towards a wii lens cleaning kit because it was probably pretty dirty from the previous owner. BUT, if you ask me, the reocurring problem seems to be the disc. the only problem is the disc actually. (which is NOT a nintendo product by the way. it's made by a totally different company) if you want my honest opinion, if your getting a wii just to play black ops, i suggest getting a different system. but if you stop using black ops on the wii, i think you'll find that your problems will disapear, as the source of all your problems seems to be the black ops disc.

That's a good idea EARTHBOUND33, but I don't think getting a new disc would solve the problem in this situation.

COD Black Ops has been known to cause freezing/bricking problems on the Wii which sounds like what happened with your Wiis. These problems were mostly due to the lack of RAM Nintendo put into their Wiis. Because of this, high-density games like Black Ops force the Wiis to process information faster than they are made to. So in other words, Black Ops is what's most likely causing your Wii to brake each time.

Sorry but there really isn't a fix that doesn't require "throwing money" at Nintendo☹️.
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So, even later versions of the wii are still confirmed as unable to handle high-density games?

Would you recommend returning the new wii then? I believe I have 30 days to get my money back, while calling the other two a loss.

Oh yes. This is still happening with current Wiis, although the problems are not as severe as they are on the launch Wiis.

Well, if Black Ops is the only game causing disc reading errors on your newer Wii, then returning your Wii probably won't do much good since the game is the problem here. But, if you're having disc errors with all of your Wii games, then returning it would be a good idea.

Considering my last two wii's have basically been Black Ops and Netflix boxes, I am hesitant to keep it knowing that regardless of what's done, the game will break the console every time.

I'm curious. Would you happen to know why some people don't have trouble with this happening while others do?

Before you return your new Wii though, you should at least try the Wii lens cleaning kit. It may just be that the optical lens is dirty.
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Black Ops problems aren’t as frequent on the more current Wiis as they are on the older Wiis. So while problems still may happen to people that play this game on the newer Wiis, the problems are not as severe (such as bricking) as it would be on a launch Wii.

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Wasn't the lens cleaning kit discontinued?

I'm also confused as to how/why my lens would already be dirty straight out of the box.

That said, I appreciate you helping/your advice.

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No, Nintendo still sells the lens cleaning kits on their online store. The bad news is, the kits are on backorder, but they'll start shipping again on August 15.

I'm can't really say for sure either, but there is a chance that some pet hair or dust might have gotten into the Wii, possibly transferred from the game disc.

The cleaning kit would still be your best bet out of this mess though.

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Honestly, I would rather die than send a wii that is no longer under warranty in for repair. Paying $75 for repair on a system that costs $200 (and now only $150) hardly seems worth it. How long until I have to pay another $75 for another repair?
Also, I would agree with you that it is the disk, except I own two separate black ops disks. Both of them new when I bought them, both of them still showing no signs of wear. There should be no reason that my individual disks are breaking wii's, unless nintendo is still making wii's that are not compatible with Black Ops requirements. I would listen to the excuse that, "Old wii's/Launch wii's were ill-equipped to handle the strain of BO and Brawl," except me new wii is a new wii, not a launch wii.

Also, the entire point is that I do not want to stop playing Black Ops on the wii. Why aren't they compatible? They should be.

As for the cleaning kit, I don't put much faith in something that comes so highly recommended but is so often complained about as not working.

well, i'm sorry but other than the wii lens cleaning kit, i don't know what to suggest to you except things you've already done.