

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas



Game Summary – First Impressions

When Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas first came out in the early 2000's it was not only the best console game of the year, it went on to be one of the best games of all time. So getting to bring this game around with you on your phone on a tablet is simply amazing. Even after all these years the mobile version of the game still holds up and will provide hours of enjoyment for any gamer.

This is a fully loaded console version of a game and has a huge open-world concept, hours of gameplay, full in-game animation sequences, award-winning voice acting, and tons of side missions. Whether you were a fan of the original game, or you have been looking for an excuse to see what all the hype has been about, the mobile version of this game will not disappoint.

In this game, you play Carl, and an ex-gang member who has returned to has returned home after the death of his mother. He returns to find out who killed her and to get revenge. The game is both a mission-based and open world, so you get to run around town and do things until you are ready to move the story forward. The storyline is compelling with great cinematic sequences, that still holds up today even if the animation seems blocky when compared to today's standards.

Gameplay

When bringing a game from a PC or console to a mobile device, it will always suffer somewhat in-game controls. This mobile game is no different. Many people have complained about the game controls, but honestly, after a while, you will get used to it. A lot of the game controls make sense once you get the hang of it. Also, the controls are customizable, so you can experiment with the control settings that make the most sense to you. Basically, the left side is for moving in different directions, and the right side is for all of your action buttons as well as changing the view orientation.

All the graphics were remastered to give the game a refresh since it is almost two decades old. Surprisingly though blocky graphics and voice acting really do still hold up, and make this a very compelling open world yet story-driven game. Many fans of the later Grand Theft Auto Games, at first, maybe put off by the graphics, but will quickly get used to it.

Also, the framerate can be adjusted, so if you are far away from your charger you can save power, or you can push your mobile device to see how well it can push the graphics. Either way, it is nice to be able to customize both the controls and the framerate to better suit your specific needs. ##

Final Thoughts

This is a great game. It was a great game when it was first released, and it is a great game now. It is a must-have on any mobile device, and for Grand Theft Auto fans who are just coming into the

franchise, this should be required playing.

Some issues though are the clunky controls. Even though they are fully customizable, they are still very hard to get used to. The game does support most Bluetooth game controllers, so that is one way to improve the game experience. However, part of the fun of these mobile games is not having to lug around anything but your phone.

Advantages / Disadvantages

- A big and sprawling open-world mission-driven game all on a mobile device.
- This is not a stripped-down version of the game like other popular games that have been retooled for mobile devices
- Fully customizable controls and framerates speed.
- Clunky controls are hard to get used to and are not very well done.
- Needing to use a controller to get the most enjoyment out of the game.