

Guitar Hero 3 released

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The new edition of Guitar Hero was released last Sunday, Oct. 28. With 71 songs, the video game ranges from classic rock to modern rock. Classic rock bands such as ZZ Top, Black Sabbath, La Grange, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Erik Johnson can all be impersonated by just the click of a button. Newer bands are also included on the game: AFI, Rage Against the Machine, Killswitch Engage, Dragonforce, Slayer, Metallica and Kiss.

"It seems like the makers put a lot more time and effort into making this version compared to the others," Guitar Hero fan, Brian O'Hara commented. Brian was one of the first of

thousands to pick it up at Best Buy when it was released Sunday morning.

"In the third edition, the player actually follows the life of a band member. You start off in your friend's backyard jamming for a party. Then, someone notices you, and you are signed onto a contract."

In Guitar Hero 3, band members make their own music

video and "play in hell" because they sold their soul to their record label.



"The graphics are much clearer." The layout on the screen is cleaner, and because the neck of the guitar on the screen is wider, the player has an easier

time reading what notes are coming up next. They are not all crammed together.

There is also a new mode called "battle mode." Similar

to "star power" on previous games, battle mode is a multi-player mode, battling either your buddy or Slash from Guns-n-Roses and Tom Morello from Rage Against the Machine. Unlike co-op mode on previous games, the purpose of battle mode is not to earn a high score than your opposing player, but to make them fail the song.

At various times throughout the song, battle power can unleash different power-ups on the other player, for instance, you can break their string or double their playing level, making it impossible for them to pass.

"Altogether, Guitar Hero 3 is the best of the four." There are more songs, a variety of artists and the graphics are amazing.

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