

Wide Gear

The **Wide Gear**, known as the **Big Window** (ビッグウインドー) in Japan, is the original screen magnifier for the [Sega Game Gear](#). The Game Gear received more than its fair share of magnifiers, several of which were officially licensed, but this is likely to be the first and most simple iteration of the device.

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Hardware

The Wide Gear does as the name suggests - it makes the screen "wider". It is merely a transparent piece of plastic mounted to the Game Gear unit at the bottom which acts as a convex lens and enlarges the picture for easier viewing. The Wide Gear is just plastic - it does not increase the resolution of the display nor the quality of the Game Gear's built-in screen.

The Wide Gear is not a flexible accessory - it has to be physically screwed into the Game Gear and will always hover above the screen at a certain distance. It cannot be folded nor is it particularly strong, and as it is not simple to install, the device is not considered to be very "portable". Working Wide Gears are hence not very common - Sega would roll out a replacement line of [Super Wide Gears](#) instead, which would become the official screen magnifier of choice.

The Wide Gear does not appear to have been released in Japan officially, though a variant by [Sunsoft](#) exists.

Magazine articles

Main article: [Wide Gear/Magazine articles](#).

Physical scans

Game Gear, JP



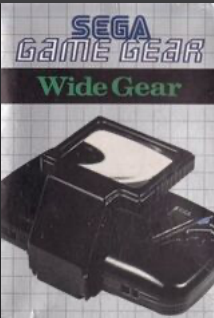
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Game Gear, US



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Game Gear, EU



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External links

- Sega of Japan catalogue pages (Japanese): [Game Gear](#)

References

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- ↑ *Sega Pro*, "February 1992" (UK; 1992-01-16), page 7
- ↑ *Computer & Video Games*, "April 1992 (Go! Issue 6)" (UK; 1992-03-15), page 21
- ↑ *Sega Power*, "March 1992" (UK; 1992-02-06), page 14

Sega Game Gear ecosystem		[Collapse]
Hardware	Japan North America Western Europe Eastern Europe Asia South America Australasia Africa Wide Gear Fun Play 20-in-1	
Add-ons	Pro Action Replay Game Genie X-Terminator Master Gear Converter (Gear Master Nuby Converter) Stereo FM Tuner TV Tuner	
Accessories	A/V Cable Battery Pack Car Adaptor Car Antenna Cleaning Gear Gear-to-Gear Cable PowerBack (Third Party) Screen Magnifier (Wide Gear Super Wide Gear Third-Party) Carry-All Deluxe Carry-All Case Gear Bag Holster Case Standard Carrying Case Soft Case Third Party (Play & Carry Case) Handy Gear Master Link Cable	
Development tools	Sega Game Gear Development Board	

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Made for: [Sega Game Gear](#)

Manufacturer: [Sega Enterprises, Ltd.](#)

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 JP	199x	¥2,280	HGG-3012
 US	199x		
 EU	1992		MK-2116-50
 UK	1992-02-17 ^[2]	£14.99	MK-2116-50