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The Return Of Retro Gaming

(NAPSA)—The phrases “retro” and “technology” aren’t often used together, but in the case of video games, old favorites are now all the rage.

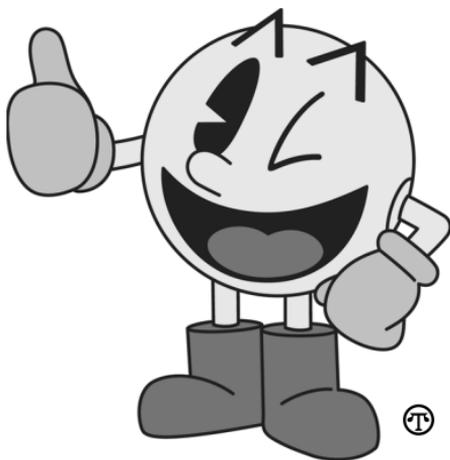
While the video game industry continues to charge ahead at breakneck pace with photo-realistic graphics, more-complicated simulations and even online communities, some of its most simple classics continue to resonate with millions of consumers.

At the heart of the retro video game movement are classic compilations: collections containing a number of games from the past, made to run on modern video game consoles.

For instance, two new entries in the well-established Namco Museum compilation series are now available on the Nintendo DS and Wii that let players enjoy their favorite blasts from the past with a modern twist.

Like “Citizen Kane” or a good Beatles song, every generation can appreciate the elegance and simplicity of “Pac-Man,” the arcade game that became a cultural phenomenon more than 25 years ago. In the newly released version of the game for the Wii, players can put the hungry yellow video game icon into all-new situations, with five new games based on arcade classics from the 1980s.

In the updated version of the classic space shooter “Galaga,” the player must use the motion-sensing Wii controller to point and shoot at the screen to protect Pac-Man from nasty space creatures. It’s a decidedly modern take on a decades-old game that manages to



Blast From The Past—Retro video games are making a comeback.

feel original and familiar at the same time. It’s accessible enough for just about anyone to get the hang of, even if you haven’t played a video game since the ‘80s. If you prefer classic arcade gaming to modern updates, the compilation of games also includes nine oldies but goodies, including entries in the “Pac-Man” and “Dig Dug” series.

On the Nintendo DS handheld video game system, Namco Museum DS packs eight classic games into a package that players can take and play anywhere. The game includes iconic arcade titles such as “Pac-Man,” “Dig Dug II” and “Xevious,” as well as the breakthrough multiplayer game “Pac-Man Vs.” One of the newest games in the “Pac-Man” series, the game lets up to four people play together—one as Pac-Man and three others as his famous ghost adversaries.

Both sets of compilations are available in stores nationwide.