

How to Fix Xbox One Wireless Controller Drift

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INTRODUCTION

Growing up, I have always played Xbox, and one problem that I've consistently had has to do with the joysticks of the controllers. The problem that I experience the most is referred to as a drift stick, which is when your character in the game moves or looks around when you're not touching the controller. This can become extremely frustrating in first and third person video games, and make it difficult to play well. I decided to create this guide to help others running into the same issue. Fixing the problem doesn't take long, and you only need 70% isopropyl alcohol, and a few cotton balls.

TOOLS:

70% Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol (1) Cotton Ball (3)

Step 1 — How to Fix Xbox One Wireless Controller Drift



- Remove the batteries from the controller.
- i If you are using a wired controller, disconnect the wire.

Step 2



Pour 70% isopropyl alcohol on the tip of a cotton ball.

⚠ Keep the item away from children and avoid touching your face and open wounds while using it.

Step 3



Rub the cotton ball all along the edges of the thumbstick.

Step 4



- Let the controller dry for 40-60 seconds.
- Repeat Steps 2-4 two more times or until the thumbstick no longer drifts.

Step 5



Connect your controller and see if there are any drift stick problems on any game.

After fixing the controller, if there are any more problems, later on, repeat the same process to have it working again.