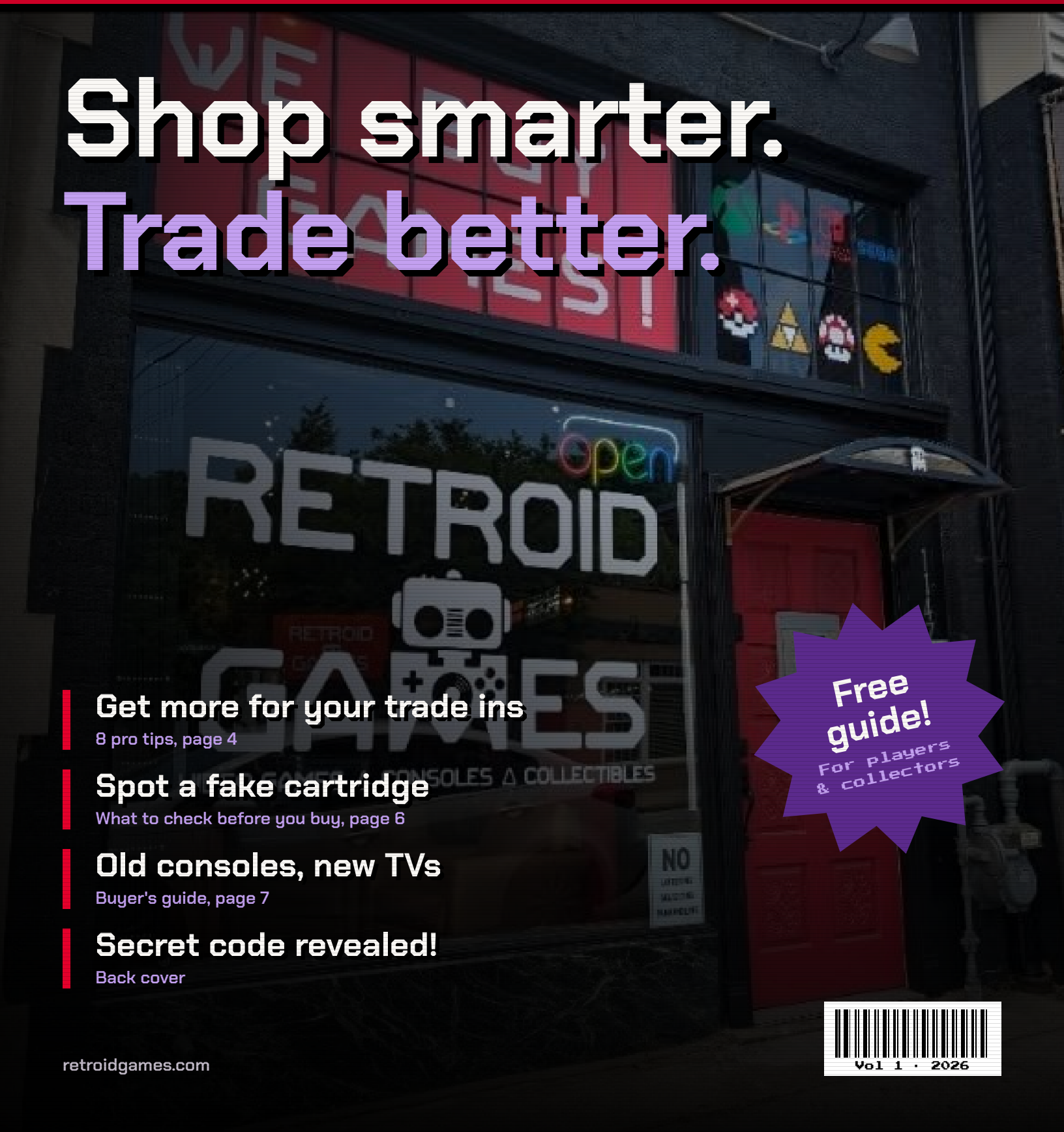
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The Shop Guide

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Welcome to Retroid Games

We're a video game store with two locations in North Carolina. We buy, sell and trade retro and modern games, consoles, accessories and Pokémon cards.

This guide is everything we talk about at the counter every day: how trade ins work, how to get the most for your games, what to look for when you buy, and how to keep from getting burned by a fake.

Keep it, share it, and come see us. New trade ins hit our shelves every day.

The Retroid Games crew

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Level 1

Trade in 101

Got games, consoles or cards you're done with? Turning them into cash or something new to play takes three steps. No appointment needed.

Step 1

Bring it in or send a list

Walk into either store any day from 12 to 6, or send us a description through the offer form on our website and we'll call you.

Step 2

We look it over

We check your games, systems and cards and give you a fair offer based on what they're worth.

Step 3

Take cash or trade

Take the offer, or put it toward something new from our shelves. Your call.

What we buy

- Retro and modern video games
- Consoles and handhelds
- Controllers, cables and accessories
- Pokémon cards
- Collectibles, amiibo and complete in box games

Get an offer online

Scan to send us a list and we'll call you with an offer.

Big collection? Send us the details through the offer form or give your closest store a call, and we'll set up a time to go through it with you.

Level 2

Power up your trade value

A few minutes of prep before you come in can make a real difference. Here's what we tell everyone.

1

Bring the whole package

Box, manual, inserts, maps and posters. Complete in box games are often worth more than loose ones, so dig through that closet.

2

Clean it, gently

Wipe off dust with a soft cloth. Cartridge contacts clean up with a cotton swab and a little isopropyl alcohol. Keep harsh cleaners away from labels.

3

Leave the old stickers

Peeling an old price sticker can tear the label underneath. A torn label hurts value more than a sticker does.

4

Bring the cables

A console with its power supply, video cable and original controller is ready to play, and that's what buyers want.

5

Skip the reset

Trading a modern console? No need to sign out or reset it before you come in. We'll take care of wiping it for you. Just save anything you want to keep.

6

Sleeve your best cards

Keep valuable Pokémon cards in sleeves, out of rubber bands and away from bends. Sorting by set makes the count go faster.

7

Store it right

Heat, sunlight and damp basements are rough on boxes, labels and discs. A cool, dry shelf keeps your collection in shape.

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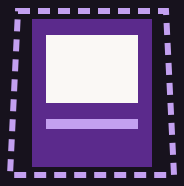
Ask us anything

Not sure what something is? Bring it in and ask. We're always happy to talk games.

Level 3

Condition check

Whether you're buying or selling, these are the words you'll hear at the counter, and what they mean.



★★★

Sealed

Factory sealed and never opened. The top of the collecting world.



★★

Complete in box

The game, its box and the manual, plus any inserts it came with. Collectors call it CIB.



★

Loose

Just the cartridge or disc. The easiest way to play the classics.

What we look at

The label

Tears, fading, stains or writing on the front label.

The box

Crushed corners, tears, sun fading and water damage.

The disc

Scratches and cracks. Light scratches can often be fixed with our disc resurfacing.

Does it play?

Whether it boots, plays and holds a save.

Rough shape? Even well loved games can still be worth something. Bring them in and let us take a look.

Boss level

Spot a fake cartridge

Reproduction carts are all over online marketplaces and flea markets. Some are sold honestly as repros. Others get passed off as the real thing. Here's what to check before you pay.

01 The label

Blurry printing, colors that look off, or a label that's oddly glossy or stiff.

02 The shell

Plastic in the wrong shade, rough seams, or logos that should be molded into the case but aren't.

03 The screws

Nintendo used special security screws on many of its cartridges. A standard Phillips screw can be a red flag.

04 The board

Genuine boards carry Nintendo markings and date codes. A black blob covering the chip is a common sign of a reproduction.

05 The save

Fake RPG and Pokémon carts often can't hold a save. If your progress disappears, be suspicious.

06 The price

If a rare game is priced like a common one, ask why. Deals that look too good usually are.

Not sure about a cart you already own? Bring it to either store and ask us to take a look.

Bonus stage

Buyer's guide

Picking up a classic console or a stack of games? Four things worth knowing before you plug in.

Old consoles, new TVs

Older systems were built for tube TVs, and many newer TVs dropped those inputs. You may need an adapter or upscaler. Tell us what TV you have and we'll point you in the right direction.

Mind the region

Most US consoles are made to play US games. Japanese and European games may not fit or run without extra help, so ask before buying imports.

Save batteries run down

Many older cartridges keep your save on a tiny battery that wears out after years. If your saves won't stick, we can swap in a fresh battery.

Scratched disc?

Disc resurfacing can bring a lot of scratched discs back to life. Ask about it at the counter at either store.

Systems we carry

Nintendo	NES, Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64, GameCube, Wii, Wii U, Switch, Switch 2, Game Boy, Game Boy Color, Game Boy Advance, DS, 3DS and amiibo
PlayStation	PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4, PS5, PSP and PS Vita
Xbox	Xbox, Xbox 360, Xbox One and Xbox Series X
Sega	Master System, Genesis, Sega CD, 32X, Saturn, Dreamcast and Game Gear
And more	Atari Jaguar, TurboGrafx-16, Pokémon cards and collectibles

Stock changes every day with new trade ins.

Player 1, you made it

Secret code revealed!

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On a computer: go to retroidgames.com and type the code on your keyboard.
On your phone: swipe it on the screen instead, then tap twice.
Then see what happens.

Shop online

Scan to browse games and consoles from both stores, then order online.

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