



Nintendo 3DS SD Card Replacement \ Troubleshooting

This guide will walk you through the steps it will take for you to diagnose and, if possible, fix the issues you may have with an SD card on a 3ds.

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TOOLS:

- Compressed Air (1)
- Soft Cloth (1)

PARTS:

- SD Card (1)

Step 1 — Remove the SD card



- On the left hand side of the system, you should find a small plastic piece saying SD card. Open it via the notch at the top and press in the SD card until it clicks. Then just pull it out.

Step 2 — Check the obvious



- Another pretty simple step: check that the card isn't locked. this should be a small switch looking thing at the side of the card which shockingly says "lock". Make sure the switch is the farthest away that it can be from that word, and you're good to go.
- While you're doing that, also look for any dirt or dust on the SD card or in its slot. If there is, try cleaning it via a soft cloth, or blowing it out with some compressed air.
- If you had any of the issues in this step, perform the solutions and put it back in to see if that was the issue.

Step 3 — Find the problem



- Now it time to realy look into things. First suspect is the SD card. Slip it into a PC and see if it can see a SD card inserted.
 - Is it blank? Does it refuse show up? If so, there is probally an issue with the card itself. See if you can find/buy a spare one, and copy over any backup you may of made before hand.
 - Does the computer read the SD card? It may be time to crack it open and replace the SD card module. You can find a guide for that here. (add link pls i don't know how to)
 - *(i)* If your really squeamish about cracking things open before knowing for shure, try another SD card in the 3ds. Hey, you never know, it may be just some freak formatting issue!

By following through the previous instructions, you should now know what the issue is. Either you really had nothing to worry about, you need a new SD card, or you'll have to replace the 3ds' SD card module. The first two are easy, other don't worry, or run out to walmart to pick up an SD card. In regards to replacing the SD module though, that can be found here. (Pls help and add a link I don't know how, for now just search on this website, you'll find it)