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Stanley - March 9, 2026, 7:35 am

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In early February, Valve confirmed that the Steam Machine's launch was pushed out of its early 2026 release window due to the ongoing RAM shortages. At the time, Valve expressed confidence that a 2026 release was still on the table, but the company seemed a little less confident in its Year In Review 2025 report, which initially stated the afternoon of March 6: "We hope to ship in 2026." However, the company has since clarified that its plans have not changed. In a statement to The Verge, Valve PR said, "nothing has actually changed on our end." The Verge also noted that Valve's language in the Year In Review 2025 report had changed, shifting from the ambiguous use of "hope" to "we will be shipping all three products this year." The report goes on to mention that the "Steam Machine has more than six times the horsepower of Steam Deck, packed into sleek, quiet form factor." Like the Steam Deck before it, players will be able to install custom software on the Steam Machine as they would for any PC. Alternatively, it can just be used to explore the Steam ecosystem and play games at will. Continue Reading at GameSpot

<https://www.gamespot.com/articles/steam-machines-2026-release-doesnt-sound-very-certain-anymore/1100-6538651/?ftag=CAD-01-10abi2f>

Aeowulf - March 9, 2026, 8:06 am

I expect it to be too expensive with the RAM issues to take off early. There'll either be a shortage of devices, or too expensive of a price. Shit is crazy.

618C - March 9, 2026, 8:25 am

Curious to see what price increase this will get with all hardware shortages, also wanting to see its heat distribution when under full load its so tiny.. must get pretty hot!

Always Sad - March 9, 2026, 9:23 am

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Mix - March 9, 2026, 2:44 pm

(Mar 9, 2026 09:23 AM)Always Sad Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I wanted the Steam deck I had about 300\$+ on credits man but its all SOLD out unfortunately... I guess Its time to buy random games..

I found that its better to buy one on ebay or second hand with low storage and just upgrade the nvme 2230 inside. Much cheaper this way, I popped a 2tb 2230 nvme in mine and even bought a 256gb sd card for emulation.

shakur123 - March 10, 2026, 9:43 pm

"6x the horsepower" sounds impressive, but the real question is price and positioning.

If it's basically a small PC for the living room, it'll compete with consoles and gaming PCs at the same time, which is exactly what hurt the original Steam Machines. Hardware power alone won't solve that.

