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1990
- Aug 1 – Alpha Waves

1994
- Mar 12 – Geograph Seal

1995
- Apr 28 – Jumping Flash!
- May 15 – Bug!

1996
Jan 19 – Floating Runner: Quest for the 7 Crystals
Apr 26 – Jumping Flash! 2
Jun 23 – Super Mario 64
Sep 9 – Crash Bandicoot
Oct 31 – Bubsy 3D
Nov 30 – Bug Too!
Nov 30 – SoulTrap

1997

Mar 21 – Doraemon: Nobita to Mittsu no Seireiseki
Sep 29 – Croc: Legend of the Gobbos
Oct 31 – Crash Bandicoot: Cortex Strikes Back
Nov 30 – Chameleon Twist
Dec 12 – Jersey Devil
Dec 18 – Ninpen Manmaru

1998

Jan 26 – Gex: Enter the Gecko
Feb 28 – Pitfall 3D: Beyond the Jungle
Mar 18 – Rascal
Mar 31 – Blasto
June 29 – Banjo-Kazooie
Sep 9 – Spyro the Dragon
Oct 21 – Space Station Silicon Valley
Oct 31 – Crash Bandicoot 3: Warped
Oct 31 – Glover
Nov 18 – A Bug’s Life
Dec 4 – Starshot: Space Circus Fever
Dec 23 – Ganbare Goemon: Kuru Nara Koi! Ayashige Ikka no Kuroi Kage
Dec 23 – Sonic Adventure
Dec 25 – Chameleon Twist 2

1999

Mar 1 – Gex 3: Deep Cover Gecko
May 31 – Ape Escape
May 31 – Bugs Bunny: Lost in Time
Jun 30 – Croc 2
Aug 31 – Tonic Trouble
Sep 28 – Kingsley’s Adventure
Oct 12 – Pac-Man World
Oct 29 – Rayman 2: The Great Escape
Oct 31 – Earthworm Jim 3D
Oct 31 – Rocket: Robot on Wheels
Nov 2 – Spyro 2: Ripto’s Rage!
Nov 14 – 40 Winks
Nov 22 – Donkey Kong 64
- Nov 30 – Toy Story 2: Buzz Lightyear to the Rescue

2000

- Feb 3 – Super Magnetic Neo
- Jul 28 – Doraemon 3: Nobita no Machi SOS!
- Sep ?? – Bugs Bunny & Taz: Time Busters
- Sep 16 – Duck Dodgers Starring Daffy Duck
- Sep 28 – M&M’s The Lost Formulas
- Oct 13 – Blues Brothers 2000
- Oct 19 – Donald Duck: Goin’ Quackers
- Oct 20 – Muppet Monster Adventure
- Oct 24 – Spyro: Year of the Dragon
- Nov 8 – 102 Dalmatians: Puppies to the Rescue
- Nov 13 – Chicken Run
- Nov 19 – Banjo-Tooie
- Dec 1 – Disney’s Aladdin in Nasira’s Revenge
- Dec 8 – Kao the Kangaroo

2001

- Mar 5 – Conker’s Bad Fur Day
- Jun 19 – Sonic Adventure 2
- Sep 30 – M&M’s Shell Shocked
- Oct 4 – Evil Twin: Cyprien’s Chronicles
- Oct 19 – Monsters, Inc.
- Oct 29 – Crash Bandicoot 4: The Wrath of Cortex
- Oct 30 – Monsters, Inc. Scream Team
- Nov 18 – Frogger: The Great Quest
- Dec 3 – Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy

2002

- Feb 24 – Pac-Man World 2
- Jul 18 – Ape Escape 2
- Aug 26 – Super Mario Sunshine
- Sep 10 – SpongeBob SquarePants: Revenge of the Flying Dutchman
- Sep 23 – Sly Cooper and the Thievius Raccoonus
- Oct 4 – PK: Out of the Shadows
- Oct 7 – Blinx: The Time Sweeper
- Oct 8 – Ty the Tasmanian Tiger
- Oct 9 – Zapper: One Wicked Cricket
- Oct 23 – ToeJam & Earl III: Mission to Earth
- Nov 4 – Ratchet & Clank (Original)
- Nov 5 – Spyro: Enter the Dragonfly
- Nov 11 – Treasure Planet
- Nov 19 – Dr. Muto
- Dec 13 – Castleween
- Dec 13 – Marble Blast Gold
2003

- Jan 20 – Rayman 3: Hoodlum Havoc
- Jan 31 – Jinx
- Feb 11 – Vexx
- Jun 20 – Wario World
- Sep 9 – I-Ninja
- Sep 16 – The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius: Jet Fusion
- Sep 23 – Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg
- Sep 23 – Voodoo Vince
- Oct 3 – Wallace & Gromit in Project Zoo
- Oct 14 – Jak II
- Oct 15 – Tak and the Power of Juju
- Oct 31 – SpongeBob SquarePants: Battle for Bikini Bottom
- Nov 11 – Ratchet & Clank: Going Commando
- Nov 18 – Kya: Dark Lineage

2004

- Apr 8 – Malice
- Apr 15 – Kao the Kangaroo: Round 2
- Sep 14 – Sly 2: Band of Thieves
- Sep 28 – Crash Twinsanity
- Oct 1 – Scaler
- Oct 12 – Ty the Tasmanian Tiger 2: Bush Rescue
- Oct 27 – The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie Video Game
- Nov 2 – Ratchet & Clank: Up Your Arsenal
- Nov 3 – Spyro: A Hero’s Tail
- Nov 9 – Jak 3
- Nov 18 – Blinx 2: Masters of Time and Space

2005

- Jan 12 – Tork: Prehistoric Punk
- Apr 19 – Psychonauts
- Jul 8 – Anubis II
- Jul 13 – Ninjabread Man
- Jul 14 – Ape Escape 3
- Aug 19 – Myth Makers: Trixie in Toyland
- Sep 26 – Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves
- Oct 11 – Ty the Tasmanian Tiger 3: Night of the Quinkan
- Oct 18 – Disney’s Chicken Little
- Nov 15 – Pac-Man World 3
- Dec 2 – Kao the Kangaroo: Mystery of the Volcano
- ??? – Galidor: Defenders of the Outer Dimension

2006
- Mar 14 – Daxter
- May 5 – Over the Hedge
- June 28 – Ruff Trigger: The Vanocore Conspiracy
- Oct 10 – Over the Hedge: Hammy Goes Nuts!
- Oct 10 – The Legend of Spyro: A New Beginning
- Oct 16 – SpongeBob SquarePants: Creature from the Krusty Krab
- Oct 24 – Nicktoons: Battle for Volcano Island
- Nov 14 – Sonic the Hedgehog

2007

- Sep 17 – Rock ‘n’ Roll Adventures
- Oct 2 – The Legend of Spyro: The Eternal Night
- Oct 4 – Crash of the Titans
- Oct 23 – Ratchet & Clank Future: Tools of Destruction
- Nov 1 – Super Mario Galaxy

2008

- Jun 27 – De Blob 2008
- Aug 21 – Ratchet & Clank Future: Quest for Booty
- Oct 7 – Crash: Mind over Mutant
- Oct 13 – Tak and the Guardians of Gross
- Oct 21 – The Legend of Spyro: Dawn of the Dragon
- Oct 28 – Mushroom Men: The Spore Wars
- Dec 3 – M&M’s Adventure

2009

- Nov 3 – Jak and Daxter: The Lost Frontier

2010

- May 23 – Super Mario Galaxy 2
- Jun 15 – Toy Story 3: The Video Game
- Jun 28 – Jett Rocket
- Aug 11 – The Kore Gang
- Nov 25 – Epic Mickey

2011

- Feb 22 – De Blob 2
- Oct 18 – Ratchet & Clank: All 4 One
- Nov 1 – Sonic Generations
- Nov 3 – Super Mario 3D Land

2012

- Nov 18 – Epic Mickey 2: The Power of Two
2013

- Feb 5 – Sly Cooper: Thieves in Time
- Oct 18 – Sonic Lost World
- Oct 25 – Pac-Man & the Ghostly Adventures
- Nov 20 – Tearaway
- Nov 21 – Super Mario 3D World

2014

- Mar 20 – Cloudbuilt
- May 14 – The Last Tinker: City of Colors
- Jun 6 – Woodle Tree Adventures
- Oct 14 – Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures 2
- Dec 30 – Kiwi 64

2015

- Feb 3 – SpongeBob HeroPants
- Mar 3 – Isaac the Adventurer
- Mar 10 – Grapple
- Sep 8 – Tearaway Unfolded
- Dec 8 – Ben and Ed
- Dec 8 – Dexterity Ball 3D
- Dec 10 – FreezeME

2016

- Mar 28 – Lucky’s Tale
- Apr 8 – Warden: Melody of the Undergrowth
- Apr 12 – Marble Void
- Apr 12 – Ratchet & Clank (Remastered)
- May 6 – Scrap Garden
- Jul 2 – Gnomes Vs. Fairies: Greckel’s Quest
- Aug 16 – Bound
- Aug 29 – Zissi’s Island
- Sep 5 – Unbox: Newbie’s Adventure
- Sep 27 – Dyno Adventure
- Oct 25 – Ginger: Beyond the Crystal
- Dec 3 – Skyway

2017

- Jan 3 – Ziggy’s Chase
- Feb 1 – Poi
- Feb 14 – Fumiko!
- Feb 27 – Schacht
- Mar 17 – Macbat 64
- Mar 28 – Snake Pass
- Mar 31 – Dawn
Apr 11 – Yooka-Laylee
May 19 – Skylar & Plux: Adventure on Clover Island
Jun 10 – Face It-A game to fight inner demons
Jun 17 – Geoid
Jun 30 – Crash Bandicoot N. Sane Trilogy
Jul 21 – Crazy Ball Adventures
Jul 21 – The Dungeon Power
Jul 25 – Super Cloudbuilt
Jul 29 – Super Lovely Planet
Jul 31 – Trundle
Aug 2 – Snake 3D Adventures
Aug 25 – Cat vs. Corgis
Sep 6 – PolyKat
Sep 14 – Super Perspective
Sep 28 – Marty Thinks 4D
Oct 5 – A Hat in Time
Oct 5 – Splat the Blob
Oct 13 – Speebot
Oct 24 – Viaerium
Oct 27 – Super Mario Odyssey
Nov 7 – Super Lucky’s Tale
Dec 2 – Polyball
Dec 16 – Marble Skies
Dec 31 – Celestial Hacker Girl Jessica

2018

Feb 1 – Candleman
Feb 13 – Ben and Ed - Blood Party
Feb 14 – Newt One
Feb 16 – Fe
Mar 30 – Nogard
Apr 4 – A Divided Light
Apr 27 – Dynamite Bunny: Catch the Carrot
May 2 – Run Jump Fail
May 10 – Cosmic Trail
May 16 – Flynn & Freckles
May 24 – Funk Unplugged
Jun 19 – Carly and the Reaperman - Escape from the Underworld
Jun 19– Suzy Cube
Aug 10 – Tiny Hands Adventure
Aug 20 – Tyler: Model 005
Aug 30 – Evocation
Sep 14 – RAZED
Sep 17 – The Adventures of Mr. Fluffykins
Sep 25 – Pitterpot
Sep 28 – Infinity
Oct 2 – Astro Bot: Rescue Mission
Nov 9 – Ascent: Crash Landing
Nov 13 – Spyro Reignited Trilogy
What is a 3D Platformer?

Definitions are important, and game genres are no exception. Thanks to technological breakthroughs, three dimensional video games have become extremely commonplace, but of course, not all of them are 3D platformers. Platforming, as described by Wikipedia, refers specifically to the action of jumping onto, between, or across (suspended) ledges — one of the core ingredients in the 3D platformer recipe. Here are nine basic criteria a game should typically fulfil in order to be classified accordingly.

1. Primarily occurs in three dimensions (x, y and z axes)
2. Uses polygonal/3D graphics for both environments and characters
3. General movement and jumping are player controlled
4. Almost always designed in third-person perspective
5. Collectibles are fundamental to gameplay
6. Platforming is at the forefront and isn’t overshadowed by other elements/genres
7. Playable environment is open-world, organised into levels/structured courses
8. There is an end point
9. Mascot or stylised cartoon character is the protagonist

There are many games which, on the surface, bear a very strong resemblance to 3D platformers; *Knack* is a good example because it ticks most of the boxes: True 3D, collectibles galore, distinct levels, endearing cartoon-hero. But, the crucial element differentiating it from something like *Super Mario 64* is its focal point: beat 'em up gameplay. A game that fuses *Crash Bandicoot*, *Katamari Damacy* and *God of War* is not going to provide the same experience as a pure platformer, especially when it is specifically built around a fighting mechanic that controls progression. Similar precautions must be applied to games that fall within the (admittedly broader) action-adventure bracket, as well as the narrative simulation and puzzle-platformer bracket. To put it more clearly: is *The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time* a 3D platformer? What about *Mirror's Edge? Captain Toad's Treasure Tracker*? These games, and future games which will display heavy categorical overlap with 3D platformers only encourage definitional exclusivity. That said, I strive to keep an open mind and strongly believe that in order to create the most accurate, authentic list of 3D platformers for the history annals, classification should be contested as much as possible. Fight me. *Frequently.*

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