



# Fan Test/Self Clean PlayStation 3 (Original and Slim)

This guide explains how to use the PS3 fan test/self clean option. This works with the original and slim PS3 systems. Steps vary depending on the version you own and are described below.

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## INTRODUCTION

Hit the button and watch the dust bunnies fly. This will not completely clean the system. Stubborn dirt/dust will remain on the motherboard, heat sink etc. Perform this test every 1-2 months to ensure longevity of your device. Dirt and dust build up is one of the top killers of video game systems.

## Step 1 — PS3 Fan Test/Self Clean



**⚠ NOTE:** The candle is only behind the PS3 for demonstration purposes. **DO NOT** put open flames next to your console. The video could only be 30 seconds so I already had my system unplugged when I started recording in order to get the video under the time restraint.

- First, make sure your disk drive is empty.
- If you have the original version of the PS3 you need to turn your PS3 from standby to off by flipping the switch on the back of the system. Hold down the eject button and then flip the switch back on.
- If you have the PS3 Slim you need to unplug the power cable from the system. Hold down the eject button and then plug the cable back in.

## Step 2



- Your system will turn on and within a matter of seconds you will hear the fan inside the PS3 begin to spin at a much higher rate than normal. It should run for about 15-20 seconds. In this demonstration the fans run for 16.96 seconds.
- When complete, the power (red) light will blink if you have the original or completely off if you have the Slim.

## Step 3



- If you have the original system, hit the switch on the back of your system to off and back to standby. You're done!
  - If you have the Slim unplug your power cord and then plug it back in. You're done!
- NOTE:** If you do not power down/unplug the system after the fan stops spinning the system **WON'T** turn on. System **MUST** be reset. **HAPPY GAMING!**

Perform this test every 1-2 months to keep your PS3 clean of debris which will help ensure the longevity of your device.

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