It seems that the era of music games might be behind us. After the market was flooded with titles that had kids and adults tapping buttons on fake plastic guitars for hours on end, the gaming public kind of wised up and said they had had enough. Like many gamers I wasted weeks at a time facing off against rock gods and tapping those little colored buttons only to become disenchanted with the genre. Activision and Harmonix took notice and put future releases on hold for their franchises while fans took a break from music games. Ubisoft has seized on the lack of new Rock Band and Guitar Hero titles and released what can only be described as the first true guitar-based music game ever to hit consoles with Rocksmith.

Rocksmith doesn't use little plastic guitars with five colored buttons to play. It actually uses a real guitar. Any real electric guitar will do provided it has a ¼" out. That's because Ubisoft has included the simple, but amazingly important ¼" to USB conversion cable that allows gamers to plug up their own personal axe rather than paying for some plastic toy. If you don't have your own guitar yet you can always buy the bundled Epiphone Les Paul Jr. Guitar edition of Rocksmith. There's nothing wrong with picking up the Les Paul Jr. if you're just started out, but honestly there are much cheaper (and better) guitars available at your local music shops and even at pawn shops if you feel like visiting the seedier side of town.

Rocksmith takes guitar games to a whole new level and honestly it's almost hard to call this a game. Sure there are scores and achievements/trophies to be won, but the amount of detail here puts this more in the category of interactive guitar training and playing rather than a game. Ubisoft has included a host of effects modifiers like amps and peddles for guitar players to sample and play with in this "game". If you've ever went into Guitar Center and spent the day messing around with equipment you could never afford until a long-haired employee gives you the "get out of here" stare, then you'll appreciate the fun there is to be had in Rocksmith.

15,091
I want some more yeah
GROOVE BONUS
Gameplay Today
Because You're Always Gaming

ROCKMANN
839,600
TIME 45
68 IN A ROW
PWNAGE
570 X 50!
590 X 50!
A Minor Pentatonic
SPEED LEVEL 40
Gameplay Today
Because You're Always Gaming

{gallery}screenshots/Ubisoft/Rocksmith{/gallery}