# Gears of War Franchise

# Fact Sheet

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Building on the success of the third-person shooter franchise that defined HD gaming, Gears of War expands with new and unique experiences developed specifically for console, PC and mobile devices. With The Coalition and franchise co-creator Rod Fergusson leading development, Xbox Game Studios triples down on Gears of War with three new titles:

* **“Gears 5”** (Xbox One, Windows 10 and Steam) – Sept. 10, 2019

From one of gaming’s most acclaimed sagas, Gears is bigger than ever, with five thrilling modes and the deepest campaign yet. With all-out war descending, Kait Diaz breaks away to uncover her connection to the enemy and discovers the true danger to Sera – herself. “Gears 5 Standard Edition” will be released starting on September 10, 2019 for Xbox Game Pass, Xbox One, Windows 10 and Steam, and will be available in early access for Xbox Game Pass Ultimate members and “Gears 5 Ultimate Edition” owners on September 6, 2019. Through a partnership with Paramount Pictures and Skydance Media, the Terminator T-800 Endoskeleton and Sarah Connor from the upcoming film “Terminator Dark Fate” will be brought into “Gears 5” as playable multiplayer characters. The Terminator Dark Fate Character Pack will be available for fans who pre-order “Gears 5” as well as Xbox Game Pass members who download and play the game between September 6 and September 16, 2019.

* **“Gears POP!”** (iOS and Android) – 2019

“Gears POP!” brings together iconic Gears characters in a cute Funko Pop! style. The game is being developed in partnership with Funko (Nasdaq “FNKO”) and inspired by the Gears of War vinyl collectible figures. It’s the perfect slice of mobile mayhem. Fans are able to pre-order now on iOS and [Android](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microsoft.gearspop) and can look forward to launch later this year.

* **“Gears Tactics”** (Windows 10 Exclusive)

“Gears Tactics” evolves turn-based tactics games combining signature fast-paced brutal action and character-driven storytelling with customizable squads, upgradable weapons, and of course, massive boss battles. “Gears Tactics” is also the first Gears game to be specifically designed for PC gamers.

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| **Title** | **Platform(s)** | **Launch**  |
| “Gears 5” | Xbox One, Windows 10, Steam | Sept. 10, 2019 |
| “Gears POP!” | iOS, Android | 2019 |
| “Gears Tactics” | Windows 10 | Coming Soon |

More information can be found at [http://www.gearsofwar.com](http://www.gearsofwar.com/).

**Gears of War Franchise History:**

Set on the fictional planet of Sera, the Gears of War series charts the story of humanity’s struggle against an army of monstrous, fearsome and brutal adversaries through a captivating tale of hope, comradery and survival.

Published by Xbox Game Studios, the award-winning and billion-dollar Gears of War franchise has continued to redefine the third-person shooter genre. Launched to critical acclaim in 2006, the franchise has inspired a [full line of toys](https://gearsofwar.com/en-us/store) and Funko collectibles, apparel and an expanded universe that spans more than a decade of books and graphic novels.

From one of gaming’s most acclaimed sagas, “Gears 5” is bigger than ever, with five thrilling modes and the deepest campaign yet. More information on previous game titles in the Gears of War series can be found at <http://www.gearsofwar.com/games>.

**Gears of War Franchise Facts:**

* Gears of War is one of five billion-dollar game franchises in active development at Xbox Game Studios, a group that also includes “Age of Empires,” “Halo,” Minecraft and “Forza Motorsport.”
* Gears of War games have collectively garnered more than 520 media and industry awards, accolades and nominations.
* 45 million unique players have played a Gears of War game with 2.7 billion hours of gameplay played.
* “Gears 5” reunites the franchise cast including [Laura Bailey](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1154161/) (Kait Diaz), [Liam McIntyre](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2553987) (JD Fenix), [Eugene Byrd](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0126021/) (Del Walker) and [John DiMaggio](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0224007/) (Marcus Fenix) with more to be announced.
* WGA award-winning writer and New York Times best-selling author [Tom Bissell](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2661978/) (The Disaster Artist, Extra Lives, “Gears of War 4”) will return as lead writer for "Gears 5."
* Acclaimed composer Ramin Djawadi (*Game of Thrones*, *Westworld*) who joined the series for "Gears of War 4" will return for "Gears 5."
* “Gears 5” continues the franchises signature partnerships with companies like Rockstar Energy, AAPE and Paramount Pictures for products like new “Gears 5” Collectors Series Cans, the Gears of War Capsule Collection of apparel, The Terminator Dark Fate Character Pack for “Gears 5” and more.
* Since its October 2016 launch, over 10 million people have played “Gears of War 4” on Xbox One or Windows 10. For half of those players, it was their first Gears of War game.
* “Gears of War 4” Xbox One X Enhanced was released on November 7 2017 and adds True 4K graphics, Dolby Atmos surround and other performance features. “Gears of War 4” Xbox One X Enhanced is available as a free update for all “Gears of War 4” players.
* In addition, Xbox One X Enhanced updates for “Gears of War 2” and “Gears of War 3” are also available, adding 4K Ultra HD resolution modes to the original releases.
* The entire Gears franchise is available for all Xbox Game Pass members, and members not only get early access to “Gears 5” starting September 6, but they can also participate in the upcoming “Gears 5” Technical Test.
* The Gears Pro Circuit is regarded as one of the most unique, intense and aggressive esports programs in the world. Featuring both regional online competitions and live major events, players compete for massive cash prize pools. In April, we announced the ELEAGUE Gears Summer Series: The Bonds and Betrayals of Brotherhood – a six-part event series and live tournament focused on the stories and players behind the world of Gears Esports. The first episode will debut on TBS, Friday, June 14, at 11 pm ET/PT. For more on Gears Esports, visit [www.gears.gg](https://gearsofwar.com/en-us/esports) or follow on Twitter [@EsportsGears](https://twitter.com/esportsgears).

[**About The Coalition**](https://thecoalitionstudio.com/)

The Coalition is a talented team of creative, fun-loving professionals from around the world who are united in their passion for Gears of War. Located in Vancouver, Canada, this award-winning studio is extending the heritage of the highly-acclaimed Gears franchise through the belief that if you want to go far, go together.

**About Xbox**

Xbox is Microsoft’s premier gaming and entertainment brand created by gamers for gamers on Xbox One and Windows 10 devices. Xbox delivers the best games and greatest social gaming network with Xbox Live. More information about Xbox can be found online at <http://www.xbox.com>.

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**Assets**

Assets for the Gears of War series are available on the [Xbox Wire Media Assets Page](https://news.xbox.com/en-us/media/).

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