**“Gears of War: Ultimate Edition”**

**Fact Sheet**

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**Title:** “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition”

**Availability:**  Aug. 25, 2015 – Americas & APAC

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**Publisher:** Microsoft Studios

**Developer:** The Coalition / Splash Damage

**Platform:** Xbox One

**Format:** Blu-ray for the Xbox One video game and entertainment system; Xbox Live-enabled

**ESRB Rating:** M (Mature)

**Pricing:** Standard Edition: $39.99, £29.99, €39.99

**Product**

**Overview:** Experience the iconic adventure that launched one of the most celebrated sagas in gaming with “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition.” The shooter that defined the first generation of HD gaming has been painstakingly remastered in 1080P and modernized for Xbox One with all-new content, including five campaign chapters never released on Xbox and heart-pounding 60 frames-per-second multiplayer action.

“Gears of War” thrusts gamers into a deep and harrowing battle for survival against the Locust Horde, a nightmarish race of creatures that surface from the depths of the planet. Players step into the boots of Marcus Fenix, a disgraced former war hero who seeks personal redemption as he leads his fire team against an onslaught of merciless warriors from below.

**Features:**

* **The First at its Best:** The original “Gears of War” has been completely rebuilt from the ground up in full 1080P. Every aspect of the game, including lighting, environments, characters, and cinematic scenes have been beautifully recreated. The game includes five exhilarating campaign missions never available before on console. These missions follow Delta Squad as they battle their way to Timgad Station and face off against a terrifying Brumak. Improved checkpoint placement, an additional difficulty level (Casual), and a modernized co-op experience that lets you join and quit seamlessly as well as set your individual difficulty level make this the definitive “Gears of War” campaign experience.

Fans can also go deeper into “Gears” fiction with five “Gears of War” comic books, which can be unlocked and read within the game.

* **Genre-Defining Multiplayer:** The most visceral online shooter returns with multiplayer matches running at a blistering 60 FPS. It includes all original DLC maps and three new multiplayer maps from the original “Gears of War” PC version for an incredible 19 multiplayer maps. In addition, “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” features newly added multiplayer modes, including Team Death Match, King of the Kill and a special 2v2 mode designed by the “Gears of War” community. Returning modes include Warzone, Assassination, Execution and Annex. The game also features 17 unlockable “Gears of War 3” characters in multiplayer.
* **Multiplayer Your Way – Dedicated Multiplayer Servers and LAN Support:** Play “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” cooperatively with a friend over Xbox Live or battle head-to-head with others in competitive multiplayer, powered by Xbox Live’s dedicated servers. The game also features all-new Xbox Live Achievements with 1,250 Gamerscore to be earned and has LAN support.
* **Modernized Controls, Co-Op and UI:** “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” features modernized controls that have been re-tuned for Xbox One, including improved input acceleration, aim assist and haptic feedback for the Xbox One controller. In addition, a number of improvements and additions have been made to the co-operative experience, controls and UI based on “Gears of War 3,” including:
	+ Ability to revive teammates while in cover
	+ Ability to toggle weapon while roadie running/evading
	+ Improved sensitivity customization
	+ Alternate controls and new tournament controls
	+ Improved situational awareness in multiplayer through enemy spotting and tac-com features in “Gears of War 3”
	+ Letter boxed split screen (horizontal letter box)
	+ Seamless joining and quitting from co-op Campaign
	+ Individual difficulty settings for splitscreen co-op
* **Early Access to the “Gears of War 4” Multiplayer Beta:** As an added bonus,“Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” offers early access to the “Gears of War 4” multiplayer beta in 2016.
* **19 Classic Maps, Remastered for Xbox One:** The complete list of remastered multiplayer maps featured in “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” includes: War Machine, Mausoleum, Escalation, Clock Tower, Fuel Depot, Rooftops, Canals, Gridlock, Mansion, Tyro Station, Old Bones, Raven Down, Garden, Subway, Bullet Marsh, Process, Courtyard, Sanctuary and Gold Rush. “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” also includes one brand new map meant for the next 2v2 game mode, Boxes.

**Assets**

Assets for “Gears of War: Ultimate Edition” are available on the Xbox Wire [Media Assets](http://news.xbox.com/media) Page.

**About “Gears of War”**

Published by Microsoft Studios, the award-winning “Gears of War” franchise has sold more than 23 million copies worldwide and redefined the third-person shooter genre. Launched to critical acclaim in 2006, the franchise has inspired a full line of toys and collectibles, apparel, graphic novels and a book series by New York Times bestselling author Karen Traviss. Helmed by The Coalition, the “Gears of War” series is exclusive to Xbox and its riveting multiplayer action makes it one of the most popular titles on Xbox LIVE. More information can be found at <http://www.gearsofwar.com>.

**About The Coalition**

The Coalition is a growing team of talented, creative, fun-loving professionals from around the world who are united in their passion for “Gears of War.” Located in Vancouver, Canada, the studio is dedicated to pushing the “Gears” franchise to new heights with its belief that if you want to go far, go together.

**About Splash Damage**

Based in London, England, Splash Damage® Ltd is an independently-owned developer dedicated to AAA multiplayer experiences founded by Paul Wedgwood in 2001. The studio most recently released the #1 hit “Batman: Arkham Origins® Multiplayer,” and is currently working on “Dirty Bomb®,” a free-to-play multiplayer shooter for the PC. Other Splash Damage titles include the acclaimed worldwide #1 hit “RAD Soldiers®” for iPhone and iPad, and the worldwide #1 best-seller “BRINK®” for Xbox 360®, PlayStation®3 and PC. Splash Damage is best known for having developed the popular “Enemy Territory” franchise for id Software, including the world’s first free-to-play shooter “Wolfenstein: Enemy Territory®” and its PC sequel, the UK and US #1 hit “Enemy Territory: QUAKE Wars®.” More information can be found at [www.splashdamage.com](http://www.splashdamage.com).

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