# “Halo: Spartan Strike”

# Fact Sheet

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**Title:** “Halo: Spartan Strike”

**Publisher:** Microsoft Studios

**Developer(s):** 343 Industries, in conjunction with Vanguard Games

**Platform(s):** Digital download available for Windows 8 devices, iPhone, iPad, and Steam

**ESRB Rating:** T for Teen (Violence, Blood)

**Price1:** $5.99 ERP

# Availability: April 16, 2015

**Product Overview:** “Halo: Spartan Strike,” developed by 343 Industries in conjunction with Vanguard Games, is

a mobile top-down shooter within the esteemed “Halo” universe. Delve into 30 challenging missions through cities and jungles using a devastating arsenal of weapons, abilities and vehicles including the iconic Warthog against the Covenant and Promethean enemies.

You are a Spartan supersoldier in this classified ONI simulation that starts during the events of “Halo 2” on New Mombasa in 2552. Lead UNSC troops through numerous missions battling against new enemies to save Earth from being overtaken.

**Top Features:** “Halo: Spartan Strike” provides the definitive pick-up-and-play Halo experience to both veterans and new recruits. Experience thrilling battles and unparalleled visuals for mobile devices as “Halo: Spartan Strike” delivers a compelling new story, improved touch controls, updated graphics, and competitive leaderboards.

* Challenge Covenant and Promethean enemies during the Battle for Earth as you test the limits of your combat tactics and abilities.
* Crush your enemies using the iconic Warthog or sweep them from the battlefield using the all-new Kestrel VTOL.
* Face off against Promethean enemies; deadly mechanical warriors who seek mankind’s annihilation.
* Experience an all-new story that will take you from New Mombasa on Earth to the enigmatic Gamma Halo located at the edge of charted space.
* Listen to a new score from award-winning composer Tom Salta, whose previous work includes “Halo 2: Anniversary,” “Halo: Spartan Assault,” and “Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary.”
* Complete weekly challenges to compare performance and take the top position against friends on leaderboards, showcasing your “Halo” gaming skills.
* Earn achievements in “Halo: Spartan Strike” to unlock an exclusive emblem, nameplate, and avatar in “Halo: The Master Chief Collection” on Xbox One (sold separately).2
* Share progress between Windows 8 devices (Windows 8 and Windows Phone 8) and between PC and tablet running Steam via Steam Cloud. 3
* Take control with percision touch-based controls for the mobile experience and optional support for both keyboard and mouse or USB Xbox controller on PCs4.

**About the “Halo” Franchise**

The “Halo” franchise is an award-winning collection of properties that have transcended video games and grown into a global entertainment phenomenon. Beginning with the original “Halo: Combat Evolved” (2001), the critically acclaimed and record-shattering series of games have reinvented how people think about video games and has since built a fan base of millions worldwide and inspired multiple *New York Times* best-selling novels, live-action digital series, comic books, action figures, apparel and more.

Published by Microsoft Studios, the “Halo” franchise of games are available on Xbox platforms, with select titles on Windows and mobile devices. To date, more than 65 million copies of “Halo” games have been sold worldwide, driving nearly 6 billion hours of gameplay by fans connected to Xbox Live.

**About 343 Industries**

343 Industries is the developer of the blockbuster “Halo” series of video games and, as part of Microsoft Studios, oversees the “Halo” franchise, including games, original programming, novels, comics, licensed collectibles, apparel and more. The studio is currently developing “Halo 5: Guardians,” the next blockbuster “Halo” game exclusively for Xbox One, while continuing to transform entertainment experiences across the “Halo” universe with groundbreaking projects, including an upcoming Steven Spielberg produced television series.

**About Vanguard Games**

Established in 2010, Vanguard Games develops high quality games for next generation mobile devices, game consoles, and PC. Based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Vanguard Games was set up by industry veterans Martin de Ronde and Michiel Mol (founders Guerilla Games) and Arthur Houtman (Atari, Disney Online), who played key roles in the development of a number of blockbuster titles. Vanguard Games’ past projects include award winning strategy game Greed Corp and the critically acclaimed twin stick shooter Gatling Gears. In 2013 it created Halo Spartan Assault in conjunction with 343 Industries. The company’s mission is to develop games that set new benchmarks for mobile and online entertainment. For more information visit [*http://www.vanguardgames.net*](http://www.vanguardgames.net)*.*

1 Estimated retail price. Actual retail prices may vary

2 Achievements only available on Windows 8/8.1 and Windows Phone 8/8.1

3 Purchase on the Windows or Windows Phone store and play on Windows 8/8.1 Phone and Windows 8/8.1. Steam version sold separately

4 Touch-based controls available only on touch-enabled devices

**Assets**

Assets for “Halo: Spartan Strike” are available on Xbox Wire: <http://news.xbox.com/media/?Category=other-games&SubCategory=halo-spartan-strike>

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