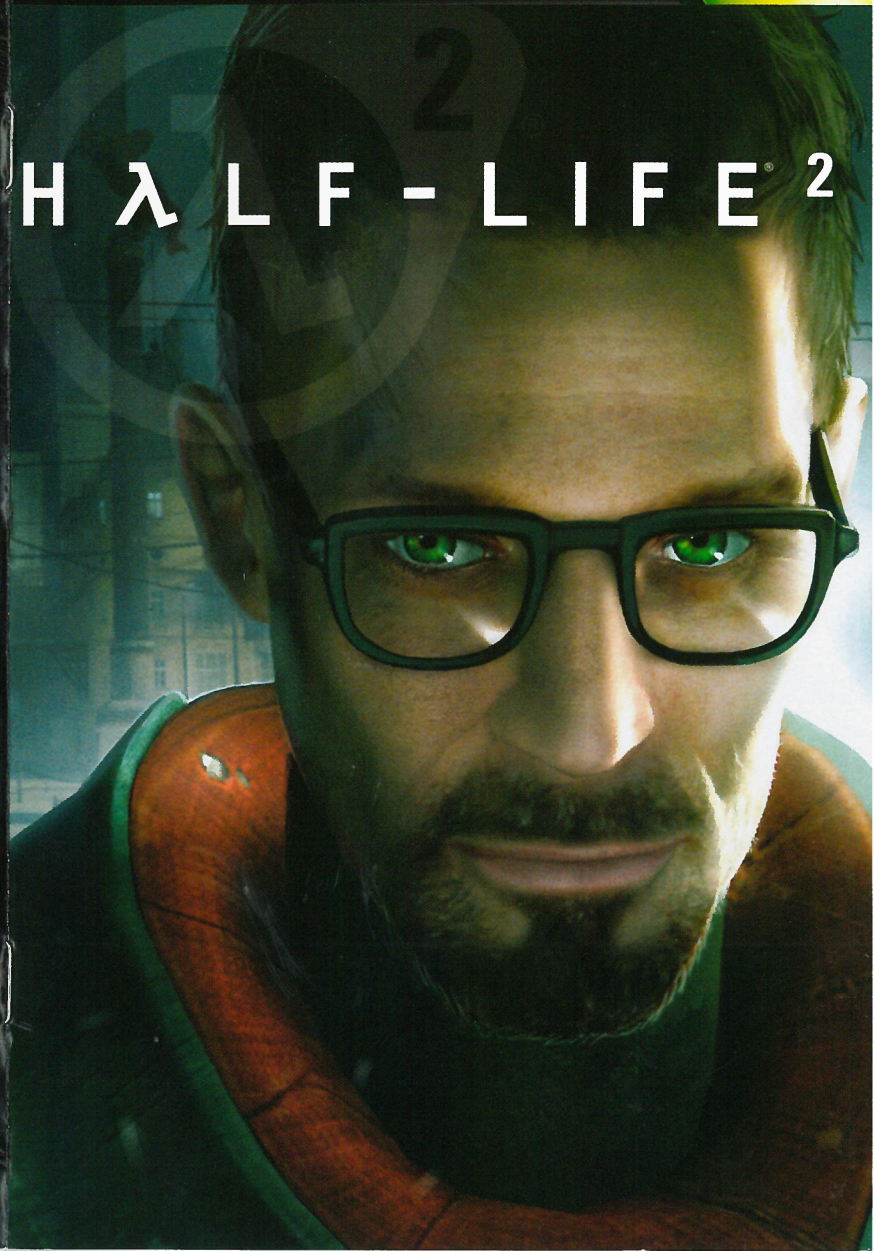


XBOX



# HALF-LIFE<sup>2</sup>



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**M**  
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## SAFETY INFORMATION

### About Photosensitive Seizure

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

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# CONTROLS

Default controls are shown. To modify, go to the **MAIN MENU**.  
Then select **OPTIONS** and go to **BUTTONS** to make your changes.

LEFT TRIGGER:  
Secondary  
Attack

Move  
(CLICK to  
crouch)

Pause

BACK  
START

Weapon Selection:  
UP = Category 1  
RIGHT = Category 2  
DOWN = Category 3  
LEFT = Category 4

Look  
(CLICK to zoom)

RIGHT TRIGGER:  
Primary Attack

Action

Sprint

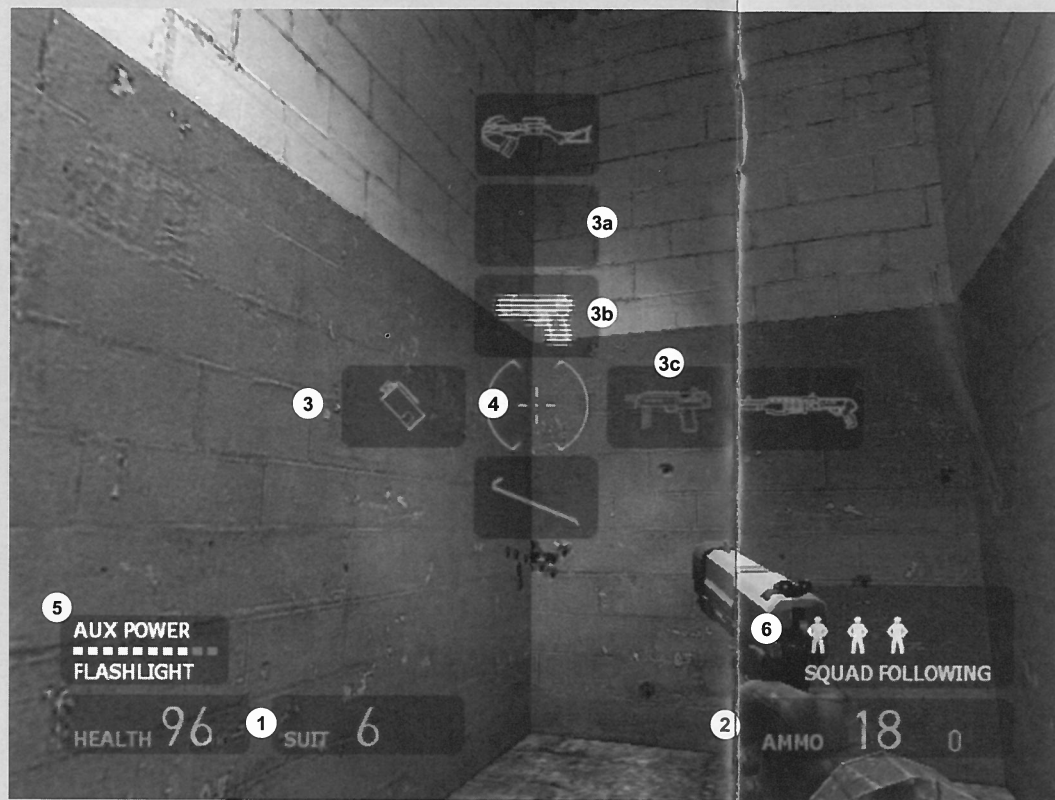
Reload

Jump

Command

Flashlight

# HUD



**1 Health and Suit Charge Meters** track your vitals. Once your health hits zero, you're dead. A charged HEV suit helps reduce damage to your body in battle.

**2 Ammunition Meter** shows your current weapon's ammo, and the ammo left to reload with. If your current weapon has a secondary fire that uses different ammo, the ammo meter will show that as well.

**3 Weapon Selection HUD** highlights the weapon chosen when you switch weapons by pressing right or left on the D-Pad.

**3a** Empty Slot

**3b** Selected Weapon (highlighted)

**3c** Out of Ammo (in red)

**4 Reticule** represents your point of aim, and indicates the target object when you press the Action or Attack Buttons.

**5 Aux Power Meter** displays remaining power when you perform activities that drain energy, such as swimming, sprinting, or using your flashlight.

**6 Squad Display** shows how many members are in your squad. A cross indicates that squad member is a medic.

## MAIN MENU

To start a new game use the Left Thumbstick to highlight **NEW GAME** and press **A** Button. The first time you play Half-Life 2, only the first chapter will be unlocked. As you play through the game, more chapters will become unlocked and you will be able to select them when you wish to start a new game.

If you are in the middle of a game, select **CONTINUE** to start from your most recent checkpoint or save point.

To load a previous save game, select **LOAD GAME**.

## OPTIONS MENU

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You can change game options and controller configuration by selecting **OPTIONS** from either the Main Menu, or from the Pause Menu while in the game.

### GAME

**Difficulty** - Choose from three skill settings: **EASY**, **NORMAL**, and **HARD**.

**Audio** - Adjust music and game volume.

**Video** - Adjust brightness for the best picture.

**Captions** - Choose "Subtitles" to show only the game dialog, or choose "Closed Captions" to show dialog and sound effects.



## CONTROLLER OPTIONS

### LOOK TYPE

**Normal:** Moving the Thumbstick up makes you look up, and moving the Thumbstick down makes you look down.

**Inverted:** Control is opposite of the Normal type.

### THUMBSTICK

**Normal:** Default controls for Look/Move/Zoom/Crouch.

**Southpaw:** The Thumbstick actions for Look/Move/Zoom/Crouch are swapped.

**Duck and Zoom:** In "Toggle" mode, clicking the Thumbstick once will activate the action, and clicking again will deactivate it. With "Hold", you must click and hold the Thumbstick to continue to duck or zoom.

**Look Speed:** Allows you to adjust how fast your view changes in the vertical and horizontal directions when you move the Thumbstick.

### BUTTONS

Several buttons on the controller can be mapped to different game actions. To change a button mapping, move the Left Thumbstick to move the highlight to the button you wish to change. Press **Y** to clear the selected action, and then press the button on the controller that you want mapped to that action.

Press the **BACK** button to cancel the current mapping. All button mappings can be reset to their default values by pressing **X** button while in the Buttons menu.

## SAVING GAMES

As you play through Half-Life 2, you can save at any time by pressing the **START** button and selecting **SAVE GAME** from the Pause Menu. You can store up to 30 save games at one time. If all 30 save slots are full, you can make room by deleting saves from the Save Game Menu or in the **Xbox Dashboard**, or you can simply overwrite existing save games.

In addition to save games, Half-Life 2 has periodic checkpoints throughout each map. If you die while playing, the game will restart from either the last checkpoint or your last save game, whichever is most recent.

You can quit the game and return to the **MAIN MENU** by selecting **QUIT** from the **Pause Menu**. If you quit the game, when you return you can select **CONTINUE** from the **MAIN MENU** to continue playing from your last save or checkpoint.

# PLAYING THE GAME

## Ammo

The HUD displays how much ammo is left in the currently selected weapon. Weapons have a limited supply of ammo, but more can be found by killing enemies and breaking open supply crates.

## Squad

At some points in the game, armed citizens will join and fight along side you. You can have up to four members at one time. Squad members will help you take out enemies, and medics can give you health packs. Send your squad to a location by pressing the Command Button once, and recall them by pressing it twice.

## Chargers

Health and Suit chargers can be found throughout the game. Face the charger and hold the Action Button (defaulted to **Y** button) to boost your health or defense. The chargers only have a limited supply, so once a charger is used up it will no longer work.

## Power

Suit power is drained when you use your flashlight, sprint, or swim underwater. When the power reaches zero, the flashlight turns off, sprinting stops, or you start to drown - so watch the power meter carefully. When suit power isn't being used, it slowly recharges itself automatically.

## Environment

Use the environment to your advantage. Smaller objects can be moved and stacked to provide cover or act as obstacles. Large objects can be pushed around with the Gravity Gun to block or injure enemies.

## Allies

Various allies will join you throughout the game, and they can help you greatly if you put them to work for you. Consider sending them into dangerous areas ahead of you, letting you save more of your health and ammo.

## Vehicle Controls:

### Airboat:

Left Thumbstick: Accelerate, turn

Right Thumbstick: Look

Right Trigger: Shoot

White Button: Headlight

### Jeep:

Left Thumbstick: Accelerate, Turn

Right Thumbstick: Look

Left Trigger: Charge gun

Right Trigger: Shoot

**X** Button: Boost

**A** Button: Brake

### Crane:

Left Thumbstick: Turn, Raise and Lower arm

Right Thumbstick: Look

Right Trigger: Lower magnet

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