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**The Space Cowboyz**

**1 Intended Systems**

PC, Nintendo Switch, Xbox One, PS4

**2 Target Audience**

Fans of retro video games, platformers, sci-fi, action, and Metroid

**3 Intended ESRB Rating**

T (Teen) – 13+

**4 Game Summary**

The Space Cowboyz is a Super Metroid-style sci-fi action platformer game, with Super NES-style graphics. A pair of rogue “cowboy” astronauts calling themselves the “Space Cowboyz” crash land on a distant planet where deadly creatures roam free. They discover that the planet hides a secret alien technology that they could use to repair their ship, so they set off on a journey to search the planet and steal this technology. But first, they must search for fellow astronauts who were allegedly taken by the aliens. Each of the game’s long levels are side-scrolling, with an astronaut located at the end of each. Powerups are present within each level, such as Moderate HP Restore, to help in the fight against the aliens, as they can deal a lot of damage. However, the player is expected to be very careful, even though they have a lot of HP. By passing a “Map Post” in a level, the player can obtain a map of that level to use as a reference. The character that the player chooses can run, jump, and fire their gun at enemies to destroy them. Some enemies require more damage than others to die. Whenever the player completes a level, they are given a powerup and a clue by the astronaut they rescue; an HP restore, an HP booster, a Bump Stock, or, at the exact halfway point, Jet Boots. The game also saves automatically at the end of each level.

**5 Distinct Gameplay Modes**

In Story Mode, the player must control the Space Cowboyz on a journey to find the technology to fix their ship. Co-op mode is exactly the same, except two players can play together.

**6 Unique Selling Points**

“Nostalgia combined with high quality!”

“Pure sci-fi!”  
“Hardcore sci-fi!”

**7 Competitive Products**

Metroid, Star Fox