Tekken Tag Tournament 2

Tekken Tag Tournament 2 (???????????2 , Tekken Taggu T?namento 2) is the eighth main installment in the Tekken fighting game series , originally released in Japanese arcades on September 14 , 2011 . It received an update , subtitled Unlimited , on March 27 , 2012 . A console version based on the update was released for PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 in September 2012 , accompanied by an extensive promotional campaign . It was also ported to the Wii U as one of the system 's launch titles in November 2012 , subtitled Wii U Edition .

Like the original Tekken Tag Tournament (1999) , the game includes almost every character from past Tekken games , giving it the largest playable roster in a Tekken game to date . Players can choose either a team of two characters on each side or a solo character . Tekken Tag Tournament 2 has been positively received by critics , earning averaged review scores in the range of 82 @-@ 83 % at both GameRankings and Metacritic for the PlayStation 3 , Wii U and Xbox 360 versions , as well as several fighting game of the year awards .

Gameplay

As in the original Tekken Tag Tournament , matches involve each player selecting two fighters to fight with . Players are able to switch their fighters out at any time , allowing the inactive character to gradually recover some life they might have lost . At certain points , an inactive character 's life bar may flash , giving them a temporary boost in strength if they are tagged in . If the life bar of either of a player 's fighters runs out , that player loses the round . If time runs out , the player who has the most cumulative life remaining amongst their fighters wins the round .

The gameplay expands on the tag mechanics featured in the first Tekken Tag , allowing for extended tag combos and combined moves . New techniques include combined tag throws which , if timed properly , can be escaped from . Tag combos (referred to as " Tag Assaults ") can now be done simultaneously with both characters participating in the combo at the same time . The game inherits gameplay features from Tekken 6 , such as " Bound " hits (hits that slam an airborne opponent to the ground and stun them so combos can be extended) and walled arenas , some of which featuring walls and floors that can be broken through during the fight . Character customization is also featured , similar to past Tekken games .

Features suggested by Katsuhiro Harada include recording in Practice mode as well as a Tutorial to bring new players into the fold more smoothly than has been possible in the past . The game features a " stage gimmick " system . An example of the system shown in Famitsu has the player slamming his opponent into wall , which breaks and the opponent goes flying , landing in a new area where the fight continues . As the opponent falls , the tag partner is waiting at the bottom to continue the combo .

The game features various modes , allowing players to choose between Tag Team (2 vs 2) , Single (1 vs 1) , or Handicap Matches (2 vs 1 or 1 vs 2) , options for four players to play in a single match , and various online modes . Along with returning modes such as Arcade , Versus , Team Battle , Time Attack and Survival , a new mode called Fight Lab allows players to train a Combot through various challenges . The game also features various items that can alter the gameplay , ranging from weapons such as firearms and hammer hats to superficial items such as specialized KOs , and allows players to customize their fighters with various accessories .

The Wii U Edition includes the return of the mini @-@ game Tekken Ball from Tekken 3 and an exclusive Mushroom Battle mode in which various mushrooms from the Mario series litter the arena , causing players to grow or shrink in size or take extra damage . It also features optional touch @-@ based controls using the system 's gamepad , as well as exclusive costumes based on Nintendo media franchise .

Plot

Unlike the original Tekken Tag Tournament , the game 's sequel features a storyline although it is

still not the series canon . Just like last time , it is more of a " dream match " , giving fans the opportunity to play as almost every character in the series up to that point , including some of those that had apparently been missing in the main Tekken storyline , in addition to the character roster of Tekken 6 . In the story , Heihachi Mishima has developed a rejuvenation serum , which , as it name suggests , has the ability to regress his appearance and power . After consuming it , Heihachi hosts another King of Iron Fist Tournament , sensing powerful challengers who would come to the tournament .

In " Fight Lab " section of the game , Lee Chaolan , under the guise of Violet is working on a new version of Combot . As soon as Combot is complete , Violet begins its simulation test . After the simulation test , the Combot explodes and destroys the lab . Violet decides to use the other functioning Combot to complete the tests . After Combot completes five tests , Violet kidnaps Jin , Kazuya and Heihachi for Combot 's final test . Combot apparently has the upper hand , but Jin transforms into his Devil form and destroys it . Violet blows up the Combot , presumably taking the Mishima bloodline with it , and says , " Excellent ! " .

= = Characters = =

The arcade version features all 41 playable characters from Tekken 6 (including Panda except now with her own character slot) along with Jun Kazama from Tekken 2 , True Ogre (known in @-@ game as just " Ogre ") from Tekken 3 and Jinpachi Mishima from Tekken 5 all with updated character designs . Devil Kazuya from the original Tekken also makes an appearance but as an in @-@ game transformation of Kazuya and Unknown from the original Tekken Tag Tournament also reappears as the unplayable final boss , though it became playable in the console version via an update patch . The game also introduces a masked character named Jaycee , an alter @-@ ego of Julia Chang .

The console release of the game features a total of 59 characters , including the return of Kunimitsu , Michelle Chang and Prototype Jack from the original Tekken , Angel and Alex from Tekken 2 , Tiger Jackson , Forest Law , Dr. Bosconovitch and Ancient Ogre (originally known as just " Ogre ") from Tekken 3 , as well as Tekken 4 's Miharu Hirano , Violet and Combot , the latter of which can be customized with various moves from other characters . A slim version of Bob from his Tekken 6 ending and Lili 's butler since Tekken 5 : Dark Resurrection , Sebastian make their debut as playable characters .

Unlike previous installments , certain characters who originally didn 't speak in their native language , now do . Characters include Lili and Sebastian who now speak French , Eddy and Christie speaking Portuguese , Dr. Bosconovitch speaking Russian , Leo speaking German and Miguel speaking Spanish .

= = = Playable characters = = =

^ a New character ^ b Console @-@ exclusive character ^ c Console @-@ exclusive character (DLC) ^ d Unavailable in online play ^ f Unplayable in arcade @-@ version

= = Development = =

Tekken series producer Katsuhiro Harada teased a new announcement on his Twitter feed on September 17 , 2010 (" TGS Sep 18 (Sat) at Tougeki Booth . I 'll announce something : D ") . It was rumored to be something related to Tekken X Street Fighter or Tekken 7 . The game was announced to be Tekken Tag Tournament 2 , sequel to previous gen 's Tekken Tag Tournament , on September 18 , 2010 at the Tougeki event as promised . Producer Katsuhiro Harada stated that the game engine would be different from the one used in Tekken 6 . The release of the arcade version of the game in Japan was originally planned for summer 2011 , but due to complications derived from the Great East Japan earthquake , the arcade release was postponed until Autumn 2011 . At the World Cyber Games 2010 , Harada stated that the console version would feature

additional console @-@ exclusive returning characters and bonus gameplay modes . He also suggested that the release of the console version of the game would take place between the releases of Street Fighter X Tekken and Tekken X Street Fighter .

= = = Tekken Tag Tournament 2 Unlimited = = =

Tekken Tag Tournament 2 Unlimited is an update to original arcade release , Tekken Tag Tournament 2 . It features a number of new items and customization options . It also gives the game a balance update from characters and items . It was released to Japanese arcades on March 27 , 2012 and the console version of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 is based on this arcade version .
In the Unlimited version , the player can switch a ratio between Tag mode and Solo mode (" 2 vs 2 " , " 1 vs 2 " or " 1 vs 1 ") . There is also a Pair Play mode , which allows four players to fight simultaneously in pairs of two , much like the " Scramble Mode " in Street Fighter X Tekken . The Unlimited version features the Rage system from Tekken 6 for Solo mode characters , and the new tag partner Rage system from the original arcade version of Tag Tournament 2 for Tag mode characters only . Rage gives characters more damage per hit when their vitality is below a certain point . Once activated , a reddish energy aura appears around the character , and their health bar starts to flicker in red . The Netsu Power appears when an on @-@ screen character gets attacked a certain amount of times and the off @-@ screen character 's lifebar flashes . If the on @-@ screen character tags out while the off @-@ screen character 's lifebar is flashing , the tagged character becomes slightly stronger .

= = = Console versions = = =

The console version of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 was released for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 in September 2012 , and for the Wii U in November ? December 2012 . The console version is based on the Unlimited version , and features new characters in addition to the 44 already in the arcade version of the game , as well as new stages and an entirely new Practice Mode called " Fight Lab " featuring Combot as a customizable training dummy . The new " Fight Lab " mode serve as a practicing ground for both beginners and advanced players with customizable bots .
Both the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 versions of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 support stereoscopic 3D , the effects of which can be customized . There is a new feature called " Tekken Tunes " , which allows players to swap music around the game and import their own music . Additionally , there is a new online service called " World Tekken Federation " that allows players to keep track of their overall stats and even which moves they had used in a match . Players can create teams , compete in online competitions , and discuss game @-@ related topics in forums . A real @-@ time worldwide leaderboard is also included .
A digital version of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 was released on the PlayStation Network in North America on November 13 , 2012 , and was released in Europe on November 21 , 2012 . A version for Xbox Live followed in late December .
The Wii U Edition also features exclusive content , including a game mode that uses power @-@ ups from Nintendo 's Super Mario series , such as Mega Mushrooms and Poison Mushrooms , the return of the minigame " Tekken Ball " from Tekken 3 , an optional touch @-@ based control scheme utilizing the Wii U GamePad controller , and character costumes based on popular Nintendo series , including Super Mario , Metroid , Star Fox , F @-@ Zero and The Legend of Zelda . In addition to the exclusive content , the DLC characters , outfits , and stages from the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 versions are all included from the start in the Wii U Edition .
Originally , when the Wii U console was first shown at the E3 2011 in Los Angeles , Namco announced that they would develop a Tekken game exclusively for the Wii U , which was untitled at the time . However , at E3 2012 , it was announced that Tekken Tag Tournament 2 would come to the Wii U , which was already going to come to the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 . Since Tekken Advance marked the franchises debut on Nintendo platforms , and the only other Tekken game on a Nintendo system since is Tekken 3D : Prime Edition for Nintendo 3DS , Tekken Tag Tournament 2

marks the first time the Tekken franchise appears on a Nintendo home console . Tekken Tag Tournament 2 : Wii U Edition is amongst the first third @-@ party Wii U games that is available in both retail and as a downloadable format for the Nintendo eShop . In Japan , the downloadable version is available for a slightly smaller price than the retail format .

= = = Music = = =

The soundtrack to Tekken Tag Tournament 2 was composed by Akitaka Tohyama , Nobuyoshi Sano , Keiichi Okabe , Rio Hamamoto , Taku Inoue , and Go Shiina .
The console versions have additional songs composed by Akitaka Tohyama , Taku Inoue , Yoshihito Yano , Ryo Watanabe , Go Shiina , Rio Hamamoto , Nobuyoshi Sano , Keiichi Okabe , Shinji Hosoe , Ayako Saso , Yuu Miyake , and Keigo Hoashi .

= = Release = =

= = = Marketing = = =

The Tekken Hybrid Blu @-@ ray Disc collection , released on November 22 , 2011 contains the Tekken : Blood Vengeance CGI animated film and an HD version of the original Tekken Tag Tournament , as well as a demo version of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 , called Tekken Tag Tournament 2 Prologue for the PS3 . The contents of the prologue mainly revolve around elements of the movie , and features four characters : Alisa Bosconovitch , Devil Jin , Devil Kazuya and Ling Xiaoyu , all of whom feature new costumes (the school uniform for Alisa and Xiaoyu , and the new Devil design from the movie for Devil Jin and Devil Kazuya) .
Prior to the release of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 , Namco Bandai Games allowed players in North America for first time to try the full game at the Team Mad Catz booth during the 2012 MLG Winter Championships event . Namco brought Tekken Tag Tournament 2 arcade machines to MCM London Comic Con ; not only was it one of the first opportunities for Tekken fans to try out the game , but the arcade machines themselves are very rare ? there are none at all in the UK . On June 25 , 2012 , Namco announced the First @-@ Play Tour , a UK tour designed to let newcomers play the game 's Fight Lab mode ahead of the full game 's release . The tour began at London Trocadero on June 28 , and then headed to Manchester on July 5 and Glasgow on July 6 . On September 11 , 2012 , Namco attempt a new world record for " largest screen used in a videogame tournament " . The attempt took place at Sydney 's IMAX theatre .
To celebrate the launch of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 , Namco launched a competition to find the best Tekken inspired images . The competition played on the " Tag " element of the game , with fans from around the globe being asked to use Instagram to tag photos with # WEARETEKKEN or # TTT2 that show what Tekken means to them . The favorite photos were then selected to go on display at the East Gallery in London to celebrate the games launch on September 14 , 2012 . One over @-@ all winner , picked by " We Are Tekken " artist Vince Ray , received a Tekken prize bundle including a We Are Tekken edition of the game , Kotobukiya 's Yoshimitsu statue (limited to 500) , " We are Tekken " gamer shirt , Tekken Tag Tournament 2 bowling bag and Vince Ray ? s Anna Williams poster signed by Harada .

= = = Retail editions = = =

In the U.S , people that pre @-@ ordered Tekken Tag 2 from GameStop would receive the DLC for Angel and Kunimitsu as well as the bikini outfits , the Snoop Dogg stage and a ' girl power ' poster of Nina and Anna Williams . In Australia , on day one of Tekken Tag Tournament 2 's launch , customers that placed their pre @-@ orders with selected retailers had access to the exclusive ANZ Edition , which includes a Metal Tin case with exclusive artwork , the additional four DLC characters , the " Snoop Dogg Stage " and over 150 in @-@ game swimsuit outfits . The ANZ Edition is

produced in limited quantities and was available through EB Games and JB Hifi in Australia and New Zealand .

In Southeast Asia , all copies of a special Prestige Edition contains a 256 @-@ page art book , two soundtrack CDs containing the original tracks and remixes , a DVD with behind @-@ the @-@ scenes video " Making of TTT2 " , and a Tekken wall @-@ sticker signed by producer Katsuhiro Harada , all packaged in a slick black leather box . In addition , all Southeast Asian customers who pre @-@ ordered the game early (standard or Prestige) got an interlocking code so that players can link their TTT2 arcade and console progress together , alongside the additional four DLC characters , the " Snoop Dogg Stage " and over 150 in @-@ game swimsuit outfits .

In Europe , UK retailer GAME secured the exclusive right to sell the We are Tekken edition of the game , available only for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 version of the game . The game comes packed in an exclusive metal case including the original soundtrack , an additional music CD with remixes , an art book with more than 200 pages , a behind the scenes video with series producer Katsuhiro Harada and other guests offering their best tips .

= = = Downloadable content = = =

In April 2012 , series producer Katsuhiro Harada stated that while no characters will ever be paid DLC , those who pre @-@ order the game at select retailers will be able to play as one or more of the four DLC characters (Ancient Ogre , Angel , Kunimitsu and Michelle Chang) immediately at launch , but only for a limited period of time before the content is made available for free to all players .

On June 5 , 2012 at E3 , Namco Bandai announced a partnership with American rapper Snoop Dogg for content for Tekken Tag Tournament 2 . Snoop recorded an original song for the game , titled " Knocc ' Em Down " , and makes a special appearance as a non @-@ playable character in the " Snoop Dogg Stage " offered as a free pre @-@ order bonus . On July 14 , 2012 during Comic Con , Namco announced the " Big Bikini Bundle " , which includes over 150 swimsuit outfits . The swimsuit DLC includes suits for all characters : male , female and animal . The " Big Bikini Bundle " was available as a pre @-@ order bonus in addition to the " Snoop Dogg Stage " and additional early access to DLC characters .

On September 9 , 2012 , some players found on @-@ disc data for six hidden characters (Dr. Bosconovitch , Miharu Hirano , Sebastian , Slim Bob , Violet and Unknown) and a few hidden stages . Namco finally announced them on September 12 , 2012 , stating that starting on October 9 , 2012 , these six new characters , in addition to four new stages (Extravagant Underground , Moai Excavation , Modern Oasis and Odeum of Illusions) to be available for download . The content was announced to be staggered across several free updates , rather than in one major update . The characters Miharu Hirano , Sebastian and Slim Bob , as well as all four new stages , Online World Arena mode and decals for customization , were released on October 9 , 2012 as a free update . Dr. Bosconovitch , Violet and Unknown , as well as the four pre @-@ order characters , were released on November 13 . In addition to the extra DLC characters , a patch was released which drastically altered the difficulty of Arcade mode .

Music and cutscenes from all previous Tekken games for use in " Tekken Tunes " was also announced be released as DLC , titled the " Tekken Tag 2 Bonus Pack " . Music from the original Tekken , Tekken 2 , Tekken 3 and Tekken Tag Tournament were released on October 9 , 2012 , and the music from Tekken 4 , Tekken 5 and Tekken 6 was released on October 23 , 2012 . The ending movie packs from the former four games were released the same day . Movies from the latter three games were released on November 20 , 2012 . Unlike character and pre @-@ order DLC , the music and ending movies come with a fee that is cheaper if the content is downloaded in packs rather than separately .

= = Reception = =

Tekken Tag Tournament 2 has been met with a positive critical response , with aggregating review

websites GameRankings and Metacritic assigning the Wii U version 83 @.@ 15 % and 83 / 100 , Xbox 360 version 82 @.@ 93 % and 83 / 100 and PlayStation 3 version 82 @.@ 49 % and 82 / 100 . During its first month of sale , it shifted 840 @,@ 000 copies in Europe and Japan . As of January 2013 , 1 @.@ 35 million copies have been sold worldwide .

 In Famitsu , the game scored a near @-@ perfect rating of 39 / 40 for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 versions , which was the magazine 's highest score for a traditional fighting game since Dead or Alive 4 in 2005 . Joystiq applauded the game for including everything that makes Tekken good , stating " its surprisingly deep , accessible gameplay mechanics to its bombastic and hilarious attitude ? all presented in a package more polished and refined than ever before . " GameSpot hailed this " well @-@ executed and punishing fighter " for its combat system , online play , the Fight Lab mode , and customizable soundtrack , but criticized the inadequate tutorial modes . According to Eurogamer , " It plays it a little safe in places and lacks a truly killer single @-@ player mode , but by broadening the versatility of the tag system while dramatically improving the online functionality , Namco has crafted a new teamwork seminar that builds upon the original in almost all the areas that matter . " IGN was more critical of the game that while approving the core gameplay and content , felt that the similar gameplay of its predecessors made it difficult for newcomers of the series . Game Informer noted that the game does not overhaul the franchise , but retains the series ' already solid gameplay , adding : " It offers a ton of fighters , the tag system is interesting , it plays well online , and it preserves the goofy sense of humor that defines the series . Even with a somewhat bare @-@ bones online offering , it ? s still one of the most refined fighters on the market . " GameTrailers wrote : " Spinoff or not , this is the best Tekken game in years . "

= = = Awards = = =

 Tekken Tag Tournament 2 was one of the four games nominated at the 2012 Spike TV Video Game Awards in the category " Best Fighting Game " , losing to Persona 4 Arena . GameSpot awarded Tekken Tag Tournament 2 " Fighting Game of 2012 " , as did several other outlets (some listed in the table to the right) .