

Death Stranding <> Matthew Foreman

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Section 1: High Concept

- > Death Stranding is an explorative adventure that combines a visually stunning post-apocalyptic future and a story rich in emotional narratives. Rebuilding the world one delivery at a time and understanding the complex, terrifying, and beautiful world.
- > As an open world game you'll be free to roam and discover the dramatically changed landscape that was once America. Tasked to complete delivery of precious materials and goods you will find many threats and obstacles to overcome in Death Stranding. In a supernatural apocalypse the strategy and survival methods are going to take much more unique approaches than any traditional survival games. Discretion and balance of tactics are essential if you're going to be a courier and help reconnect the world. Developers at Kojima Productions also included a cast of stars to play the intensely detailed characters of this game including Norman Reedus and Mads Mikkelsen. Focused on telling the story and giving the players a cinematic approach to play Death Stranding will give you an amazing experience.

Features:

- > Online players will be able to deliver lost packages and create new routes using advanced technology.
- > Resembling a fresh new world the constant change is rapid thanks to the mysterious Timefall phenomenon.
- > Following the Bridges organization you will have to balance your weight, move quickly, and sneak through tough terrain.
- > Maintaining your equipment and staying healthy is important for survival..

Unique Selling Points:

- > Social System: An innovative multiplayer mechanic that allows indirect collaboration with other players allows you to feel a sense of community in a solo environment.
- > Timefall Mechanics: A destructive rain that deteriorates both the environment and player gear is done by accelerating the age of anything caught in the storm.

- > Balance and Physics: Players must carefully balance cargo, manage stamina, and navigate treacherous terrain to survive.
- > Discretion is advised: Encouraging non-lethal combat and a focus on avoidance, stealth, and escape is rewarded and conversely killing will be regretful.
- > Captivating Narrative: A gripping story which explores solace, determination, and the importance of humanity.

Section 2: Gameplay

- > Take on the role of Sam Porter Bridges, a lone delivery boy tasked with reconnecting fractured cities all while carrying hundreds of pounds, evading BT's (Straight up Ghouls), and carrying a baby, what could go wrong? Norman Reedus's character has the primary challenge to deliver vital cargo across a rugged landscape packed with supernatural threats and environmental challenges, where balance is crucial. The Balance Mechanic is central to the game's realistic approach to travel, it simulates the physical strain of transporting supplies across varied terrain with high tech equipment necessary to deliver.

Balancing Mechanic:

- > Death Stranding revolves around the player's need to carefully arrange, adjust, and manage packages to avoid losing cargo or falling on their face. This subsystem is influenced by various factors such as weight, distribution, stamina, this impacts every mission and how the player approaches each journey uniquely changing for each encounter.

Weight Distribution:

- > Placement of cargo affects the center of gravity. Players can distribute items on the back, arms, and legs, with the game dynamically adapting to how weight shifts during movement. Over Encumbered or unbalanced cargo can lead to stumbling or falling over, risking damage or total loss of packages.

Terrain and speed:

- > Balance is further tested by the uneven, treacherous terrain. Mountains, rivers, and steep inclines all challenge stability, requiring the player to frequently check their stance and footing. Sloped surfaces or high winds, you will need to lean into the terrain for stability, and the player must carefully adjust weight or use climbing tools like ladders.

Stamina Management:

- > Stamina affects your ability to stay standing, stamina depletion impacts movement speed and control. Players will need to rest, drink water, or heal items to maintain stability.

Adaptive Controls:

- > Players can move the character Sam's balance in real-time using controls leaning him left or right. If you're on the verge of falling, a quick change to shift weight can save you. This interaction requires constant input from the player, adding tension to the assumed simple task of carrying packages.
- > Balance reinforces the game's theme of human resilience and making every delivery feel like a calculated risk. This subsystem rewards players who plan their routes, and organize their cargo carefully. The harsh reality of the world is that you are always moving and balancing yourself, giving an immersive gameplay experience that is as challenging as it is atmospheric.

