



AMPED 2

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Title:	"Amped™ 2"
Publisher:	Microsoft® Game Studios
Developer:	Microsoft Game Studios
Pricing:	\$99.95 (AU) estimated retail price
Availability:	Q 4

Product Overview:

"Amped 2" is the ultimate freestyle snowboarding experience offering gamers an expanded library of tricks and a smooth new "tricking" style. Gamers can explore vast areas of wide-open, spectacularly rendered mountains packed with terrain parks designed by world-famous snow park architect Chris Gunnarson.

They can play head to head with friends to compare skills or challenge up to seven others in various multiplayer modes. Gamers can feel what it's like to live the life of a real pro snowboarder. They can travel the globe and pull sick tricks in front of sponsors, photographers and fans. They can build their fame and get photos and demo reels placed in the latest virtual snowboard magazine or video. They can climb to the top ranks of the sport and become a media superstar. And they can do all of this to the sounds of more than 300 killer alt-indie tracks.

Key Features: ● **A new way to ride with style, aka "steez."** Snowboarders can attack the mountain aggressively; combo tricks together or spin like crazy to earn big points. Or they can take a smoother approach, getting big points for pulling tricks with "steez," like perfectly timed tweaks, slow rotations or dialed balance on rails. This is how the real pros do it, and "Amped 2" lets gamers enjoy the feeling of riding their own way. So riders can combo or spin like crazy, ride smooth and



stylish, or master both to find the perfect combination. The gamers decide how to ride to win, instead of following a set of rules ... and that's what freestyle is all about.

- **Multiple multiplayer modes.** Whether via split-screen or LAN, "Amped 2" offers many multiplayer challenges, both individual and team-based. Gamers can go head-to-head with a buddy, challenge up to seven others in a game of HORSE, or play a game of four-on-four "King of the Mountain" in which each team tries to pull the sickest tricks on different rails and ramps on a run.
- **A whole new bag of tricks.** "Amped 2" takes all the moves from "Amped" and adds new aerial tricks, advanced grabs, a full set of styled-out rail slides, tweaks, stalls, and hand and foot plants, and introduces "butter," the center of a new combo system that allows nose and tail manuals to link tricks together. And a tutorial has been added to teach first-timers the basics of freestyle riding.
- **Deeper career and portfolio.** Gamers now have more opportunities to impress the locals and members of the press with three levels of media challenges: photos, photo sequences and video demo reels. As fame builds, sponsors award gamers new gear and boards, and mountainside banners appear displaying new endorsements won.
- **The ultimate snowboarding environments.** "Amped 2" goes global with the addition of new mountains including Laax, Switzerland, Mt. Buller in Australia, and Harris Mountain, a heli-skiing mountain in New Zealand. Fully rendered 3-D environments bring the mountains alive. Clouds cast shadows that move over the hills, and the runs teem with ambient life and sounds, including other riders, snow cats, chairlift riders and working snow machines.
- **Professional snow park design.** World-renowned terrain park designer Chris "Gunny" Gunnarson lends his expertise again exclusively to the "Amped 2" park design, improving trick placement, adding more objects that tricks can be performed on, and doubling the size of many jumps to make it easier to land in transition.
- **More than 300 core indie tracks.** Gamers can ride to the sound of their own tracks but may never feel the need with a library of more than 300 original cuts to listen to from the latest up-and-coming indie artists.
- **Greater character customization.** Gamers can

create and customize their own rider including hair style, gear and customized board graphics, and even select a personality that will come to life as he or she rides.

- **Fourteen of the top pros.** “Amped 2” features 14 top pros including Jeremy Jones, Mikey LeBlanc, Travis Parker and Janna Meyen.

Developer Information:

“Amped 2” is being developed by Microsoft Game Studios. Microsoft Game Studios is a leading worldwide games company with two core businesses: games development and publishing (<http://www.microsoft.com/games/>) and Zone.com. Zone.com (<http://www.zone.com/>) is the Internet’s largest game site.

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