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IT'S TRICKY

SSX™ is an adrenaline-pumping snowboarding competition that spans the globe. Do you have what it takes to perform the wildest tricks, get the fastest times, and withstand Mother Nature's wrath while riding the world's most notorious mountains? Choose your favorite SSX character and experience the rush of riding with and against friends across the most amazing mountains in the world. This is extreme snowboarding at its finest.

ON THE GROUND CONTROL LAYOUT

	STANDARD	CLASSIC
Steer/Rotate	left stick	←/→
Tricks	□ and ○	right stick ↑ and right stick ↓
Jump	right stick ↑ or ×	×
Boost	R2	Hold □
Grind	L2	L2 and/or R2
Rewind	Hold L1	Hold ○
Pause	START	START

FREEFALLING/IN-AIR CONTROL LAYOUT

	STANDARD	CLASSIC
Spin/Flip	left stick	←/→ and ↑/↓
Open wing suit (if equipped)	Hold R1	Hold ×
Grab right side of board	right stick → or ○	R2
Grab left side of board	right stick ← or □	L2
Grab front of board	right stick ↑ or △	L1
Grab back of board	right stick ↓ or ×	L1 + R1 + R2
Tweak Trick	Rotate right stick or hold R2	□
Rewind	Hold L1	Hold ○
Pause	START	START

MAIN MENU

World Tour

Conquer the Nine Deadly Descents with Team SSX.

Explore

Compete against friends via their Ghosts in Race, Trick, and Survive events.

Global Events

Compete against your friends and the world in real-time Global Events.

RIDERNET

RiderNet connects you to friends and heightens your experience on the slopes. See where your friends are riding, keep track of your friends' scores, and challenge fellow riders to push it to the next level.

RiderNet

SSX is a worldwide competition, and knowing where your friends are riding and what gear they have strapped on will give you an advantage. RiderNet tracks what powder your friends are shredding and marks said drops with a RiderNet Recommendation icon. RiderNet even recommends gear that your friends have proven to be successful on particular drops.

You can also set drops as RiderNet Favorites and get new drop recommendations tailored to your most excellent taste.

To shake things up with fresh competition, RiderNet sends new friend recommendations your way.

RiderNet Recommendations

Press **SELECT** on noted menus to access RiderNet Rivals.

SSX Rivals

Connect with your Rivals and see their favorite drops, top scores, and available Ghosts. Select **EXPLORE RIVALRY** to view all your friends' records, and then choose individual records to beat.

Badges

Badges are rewards for performing awesome actions (like performing every trick). Select **BADGES** to view your acquired badges and badges waiting to be obtained. Badges are organized by World Tour, Explore, Global Events, Gear, Race, Survive, Tricky, Air & Trick, and Drop Bonus.

Music

Change the SSX Music or Personalize Your Music. Use the Personalize Your Music menu to change Race Music, Trick Music, Survive Music, or User Interface Music. To add your own music, first import your music to your PlayStation®3 system and apply a genre, album, artist, or playlist. Then, assign your songs to the different track types in game.

Settings

Adjust the Gameplay Settings, Audio Settings, and Video Calibration.

Credits

Check out all the people who brought you SSX.

Manual

This is where you find the in-game manual. Amazing, right?

WORLD TOUR

World Tour is Team SSX's journey to conquer the Nine Deadly Descents before Griff beats them to it. You start as Zoe in the Rockies, and then travel around the world to conquer each Deadly Descent with a different rider from Team SSX.

Along the way, you'll test your mettle in Race and Trick events, unlock new pieces of gear, and earn XP and SSX Credits.

XP levels up your character and unlocks access to new types of gear. SSX Credits allow you to purchase upgraded gear, which can serve a functional or aesthetic purpose.

EXPLORE

Explore is a worldwide competition between you, the best riders of Team SSX, and your friends. In Explore, you can navigate to any region with an unlocked character and take on any drop for a few SSX Credits. Every event type is present in Explore, so you can focus on your favorite events.

Every Explore event has a Bronze, Silver, and Gold score, which are the top scores from riders on Team SSX. Each Explore event also has a Rival, which is your friend with the next best score for that event.

Your goal for every Explore event is to beat not only the Team SSX riders' scores, but also your Rival's score. For every Rival you dethrone, another takes their place, so there is constantly a challenge. While cutting powder in an event, you'll see a Ghost of your Rival on the trail. Follow their line to see exactly how they achieved success, then use that knowledge to get the upper hand. When you defeat a Rival, your Ghost is uploaded to the EA Servers for your SSX Rivals to play against.

Like in World Tour, you earn XP and SSX Credits for every event you complete in.

GLOBAL EVENTS

Global Events are real-time online Race, Trick, or Survive events that are available for a limited time. Instead of heading to a lobby, you navigate to a drop and join the Global Event on that run. Every event has different rules, with different time limits, win conditions, gear restrictions, and character level restrictions. Each Global Event also has a Drop Cost, and the riders who place well in the event earn part of the total pot when the event expires.

Global Events only display other riders nearby on the mountain or those who are currently leading the event. This allows each Global Event to support a very large number of simultaneous participants, up to 100,000 riders shredding through a single event. During the event, a running standings board shows you your position and what Bracket you fall into. Your Bracket determines what your winnings will be when the event expires.

You don't need to join a Global Event when it starts or be in it when it finishes to receive a reward. As long as you place high enough in the Brackets, you earn a payout. This means you can participate in multiple Global Events concurrently, jumping back and forth between them to ensure that you place well in each one.

You can also create Custom Global Events and set options for what gear is allowed and who is invited. Of particular note, you can Hide Standings and turn off Ghost Leaders, making it a mystery until the event ends how everyone is doing and how they did it.

GAME SCREEN

Main HUD



Timer, Speed, and Distance Remaining

How much time has elapsed, your current speed, and the distance remaining until the finish line are posted in the top left.

Score

Your score for the current event is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Multiplier

Your current score multiplier. Once you cash-in a combo, you earn the value of that combo times this multiplier. Perform big tricks and keep up speed to increase your multiplier. Don't slow down, or your combo will drop like a stone.

Tricky Meter

This meter builds as you perform tricks. To spend your built-up meter and boost your speed, press and hold the **R2** button. When your Tricky Meter is full, you enter Tricky mode. While in Tricky mode, you can pull off Über tricks and have unlimited boost.

If you can get enough points while in tricky mode, you enter Super Tricky mode and gain the ability to perform Super Übers and your rider's Signature trick.

Trick Name, Trick Length, and Combo

At the bottom of the screen, the name of the trick being performed is shown, along with a number indicating the distance a trick is held. Multiple tricks in succession are also displayed in this area as a combo, with the total number of tricks in the combo indicated.

Current Standings

Displays your standings against other riders where applicable.

SELECTING PEAKS AND DROPS

After selecting your destination from the globe, choose your starting peak. Peaks contain several different drops: move the left stick left/right to see the drop's event type, whom to beat in order to be number one on that drop, and the reward for placing first. On the left, you can also view each drop's name, distance, difficulty, and standings.

EVENT TYPES

Race

Use your skills and imagination to navigate wide-open terrain and shred down a drop as fast as you can. Staying on the ground is usually faster than taking lots of jumps, but doing in-air tricks can give you vital speed boosts and help you take the lead.

In Race events, using a Rewind allows you to fix a mistake, but the clock and the other riders will keep going, so use it sparingly.

Trick

Flip, rail, and spin your way down a mountain to rack up points. Try to string tricks together quickly for high-scoring combos, and if you fill your Tricky Meter and enter Tricky mode, you can pull off Über tricks. If you're really good, you can enter Super Tricky mode to unleash Super Übers and your rider's Signature trick.

DROPS

Survive

Survive and ride against avalanches, rockslides, and freezing cold temperatures on the planet's most treacherous descents.

In Survive events, you'll have a limited number of Rewinds, but you can buy the Rewind Mod to increase the number of available Rewinds.

Survive events in Explore and Global Events are slightly different than those in World Tour. At the end of every Survive event in Explore and Global Events, the helicopter ferries you back to the top of the mountain. Your score is the total cumulative meters descended over each trip down the mountain until you finally succumb to the elements.

GEAR

Before you hit the drops, you need to equip your gear. Use the SSX Credits earned from completing events to upgrade your equipment. Equipment labeled with the RiderNet icon is a RiderNet Recommendation, which means that a friend used that piece of gear previously to set a personal record.

Each piece of gear has its own stats that contribute to your overall Success Probability. Strive for as high a Success Probability as possible to ensure a smooth run.

Suits

Who doesn't want to look good when they're cutting down a mountain? Suits come in a range of colors and features. New suits can enhance your pure snowboarding skills, making you faster and more agile.

Boards

Your board is your life and the key piece of equipment that takes you through your run. Boards are classified by Speed, Boost, and Trick.

Gear

Gear provides special skills or benefits while snowboarding:

- Ice Axes** When it's icy, Ice Axes help you carve better, stay grounded better, and keep you alive through turns. They offer benefits on icy surfaces, including Sharpness (how well ice axes dig while turning) and Durability (amount of use before going dull).
- Armor** Armor is vital for surviving contact with hard objects. The better your Armor, the more damage you can take. Armor offers varying benefits for Durability (how many hits the armor can take) and Health Recovery (rate of recovery).
- Solar Panels** Thermal protection in the form of Solar Panels. They'll keep you from freezing up as quickly when you are in the shadows. The benefits of this gear include Cold Protection (heat loss while in shadows) and Solar Efficiency (regaining heat in the sunlight).
- Pulse Goggles** Helps you see the shapes of the mountain in a total whiteout. The benefits of Pulse Goggles vary according to Range (beam distance), Intensity (brightness), and Battery Life (how long the pulse emits).
- Wingsuits** Essential in places like Patagonia, with its vast canyons and drop-offs, Wingsuits offer varying levels of benefits for Lift (glide duration), Air Speed (gliding speed), and Durability (number of deploys).
- Oxygen Masks** Bring some oxygen to high-altitude locations, or else you'll pass out before you reach the end of your run. Oxygen Masks offer varying amounts of benefits for Tank Size (how much oxygen) and Oxygen Quality (effectiveness of its use).
- Head Lamps** Light the way in places of darkness. Headlamps offer varying levels of benefits for Beam Width, Beam Distance, and Battery Life (length of time before the light dims).

Mods

Mods improve performance while playing, sometimes to an incredible degree. They last for the duration of time spent on a Drop, including Restarts, and then are disposed (removed from inventory).

Geotags

Geotags are another way to earn SSX Credits, if you are online. Once you equip a Geotag, you can hide it in the world. Your placed Geotag is visible to other riders across the SSX network, and the longer it remains uncollected, the more SSX Credits you earn. To place a Geotag, press and hold **L1**, and then press **X**.

Whenever a Geotag is collected, the collector earns SSX Credits right then and there, but then also gets a Geotag Drop Bonus on the Results screen.

Geotags come in Gold, Purple and Green. The Gold ones tend to be worth the most, then Purple, and then Green.

Note: when you place one of your own, it'll appear White to you when you see it in the world.

RESULTS

After each completed event, you are shown your race result and any bonus you received for finishing. If you really dig the drop, press **▲** to set it as a RiderNet Favorite, and RiderNet will then use that information to add drop recommendations. After that, press **⊗** when you're ready to move on.

PAUSE MENU

Press **START** during gameplay to enter the Pause menu.

Resume

Return to your current event.

Restart Track

Start the current event over from the beginning of the course.

Settings

Access Gameplay Settings, Audio Settings, and Video Calibration.

Quit

Exit the current event and return to the drop selection.