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Since its release two years ago, "Gears of War" has been one of the most popular games to come out for Xbox 360. And fans will be glad to know that the sequel is finally upon us.

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In "Gears of War 2," you once again take on the role of Marcus Fenix ("phoenix"), a hardened veteran in humanity's ongoing war against an alien menace called the Locust Horde.

The sequel maintains the third-person tactical combat style that made the original such a hit, and taking cover is still as important as ever. In fact, it's so important, that one of the new features in the game is the ability to pick up fallen enemies and use them as a shield.

Other updates include destructible environments, new finishing moves, and a new multi-player option called "horde" mode that lets 5 friends battle wave after wave of enemies to see who can get the highest score.

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"Gears of War 2" is out now for Xbox 360.