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INTRODUCTION TO RETURNAL

Returnal is a third-person shooter video game developed by Housemarque and published by Sony Interactive Entertainment for the PlayStation 5. Players control Selene Vassos, an astronaut who crash-lands on the alien planet Atropos and is trapped in a time loop. The game features roguelike elements, where death results in restarting the cycle, but with persistent discoveries and evolving challenges.

This manual provides essential information for setting up, playing, and maintaining your Returnal game for the PlayStation 5.

1. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

1. **Insert the Game Disc:** Gently insert the Returnal game disc into your PlayStation 5 console's disc drive with the label facing up.
2. **System Software Update:** Ensure your PlayStation 5 console is connected to the internet and has the latest system software update installed. Navigate to *Settings > System > System Software > System Software Update and Settings* to check for updates.
3. **Game Installation:** The game will begin installing automatically. Follow any on-screen prompts. Installation time may vary depending on your console's settings and internet connection for potential game updates.
4. **Launch the Game:** Once installation is complete, select the Returnal icon from your PlayStation 5 home screen to launch the game.



Image: The Returnal game case and disc, ready for installation on a PlayStation 5 console.

2. OPERATING AND GAMEPLAY

2.1 Basic Controls

Returnal utilizes the PlayStation 5 DualSense controller's features, including adaptive triggers and haptic feedback, for an immersive experience. Refer to the in-game control scheme for detailed button mappings, which can typically be found in the game's pause menu.

- **Movement:** Left Analog Stick
- **Aim:** Right Analog Stick
- **Shoot:** R2 (Adaptive Trigger)
- **Alternate Fire:** L2 (Adaptive Trigger)
- **Dash:** Circle button
- **Jump:** X button
- **Interact:** Square button
- **Melee:** R3 (Right Analog Stick click)
- **Map:** Touchpad

2.2 Gameplay Cycle

Returnal is a roguelike game. Each time Selene dies, she is resurrected at her ship, the Helios, at the beginning of the cycle. While the planet's layout and available items change with each cycle, certain permanent upgrades and story progress are retained.

- **Exploration:** Navigate the procedurally generated environments of Atropos, discovering new areas, enemies, and secrets.
- **Combat:** Engage in fast-paced, bullet-hell inspired combat against alien creatures. Utilize various weapons, artifacts, and parasites to enhance your abilities.

- **Progression:** Collect Obolites (in-cycle currency), Ether (persistent currency), and various items to improve Selene's capabilities for the current run.
- **Story:** Uncover the mysteries of Atropos and Selene's past through narrative sequences and environmental storytelling.



Image: Selene, the protagonist, in combat against an alien entity, showcasing the game's third-person shooter mechanics.

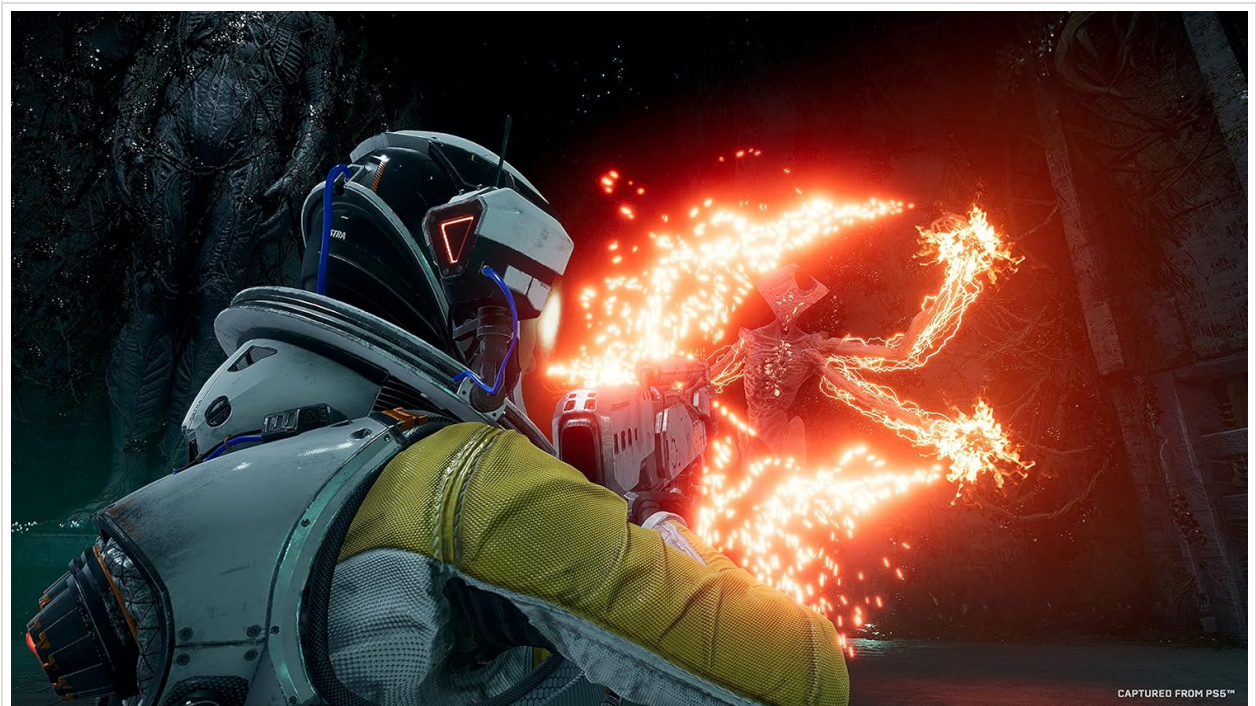


Image: A close-up view of Selene firing her weapon, illustrating the visual effects of combat.



Image: Selene navigating a dense barrage of purple projectiles, characteristic of the game's bullet-hell combat style.

3. MAINTENANCE

- **Game Disc Care:** Keep the game disc clean and free from scratches. Store it in its case when not in use. Use a soft, lint-free cloth to wipe the disc from the center outwards if cleaning is necessary.
- **System Software Updates:** Regularly check for and install PlayStation 5 system software updates to ensure optimal performance and compatibility.
- **Game Updates:** Ensure Returnal is updated to the latest version. Your PlayStation 5 typically downloads game updates automatically when connected to the internet.
- **Storage Management:** Periodically check your PlayStation 5's storage to ensure sufficient space for game updates and future installations.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue	Possible Solution
Game not launching or freezing	• Ensure the game disc is clean and properly inserted. • Restart your PlayStation 5 console. • Check for and install any available game or system software updates. • If the issue persists, try reinstalling the game.

Issue	Possible Solution
Performance issues (e.g., frame drops)	• Ensure your PlayStation 5 is well-ventilated. • Close any other applications running in the background. • Check for game updates that might address performance.
Disc read errors	• Clean the game disc carefully. • Ensure the disc is not scratched or damaged. • Try another game disc to determine if the issue is with the console's disc drive.

If you encounter persistent issues not covered here, please refer to the official PlayStation Support website or the game's publisher for further assistance.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Product Name:** Returnal for PlayStation 5
- **Item Model Number:** 3005733
- **Manufacturer:** Sony Playstation
- **Release Date:** 30 April 2021
- **Language:** English
- **Product Dimensions:** 1.45 x 17.07 x 13.44 cm (packaging)
- **Item Weight:** 50 g (packaging)
- **Platform:** PlayStation 5

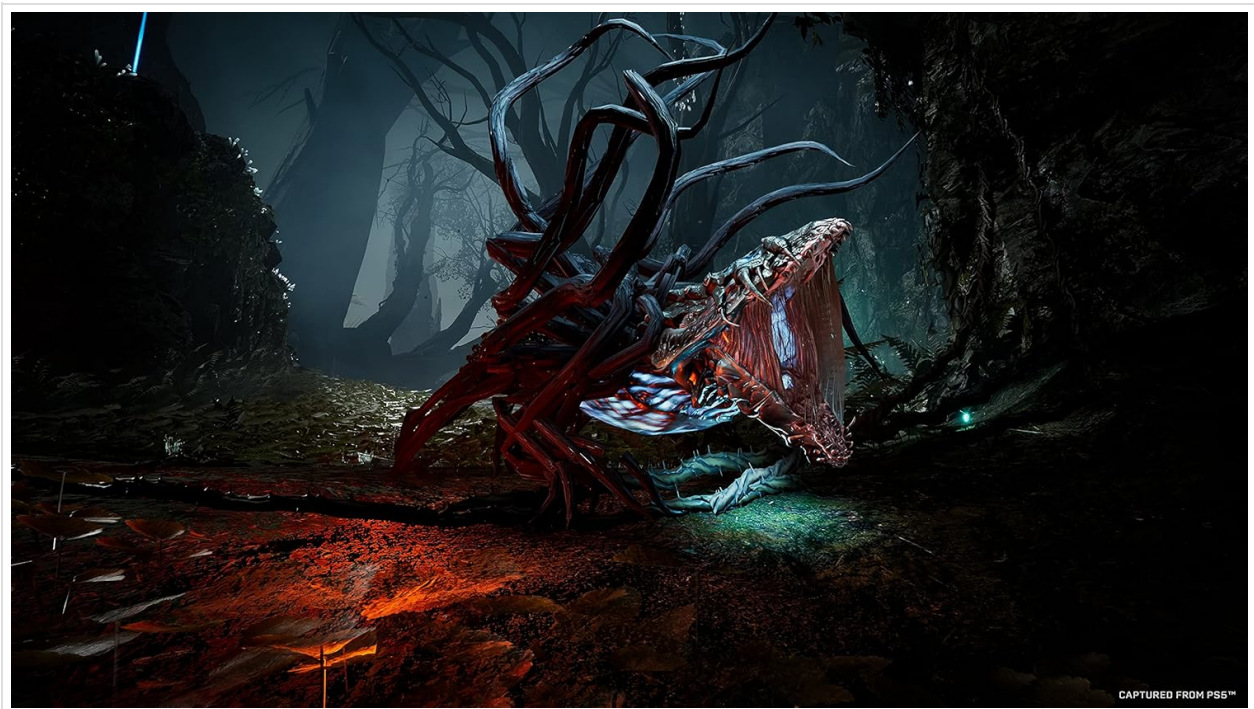


Image: A formidable alien creature from Atropos, illustrating the diverse enemy designs in Returnal.



Image: A powerful, boss-like alien entity, demonstrating the scale and intensity of encounters in the game.

6. WARRANTY INFORMATION

This software product is subject to the standard warranty terms provided by Sony Interactive Entertainment. Please refer to the legal section within the game or the official PlayStation website for detailed warranty information regarding software titles. Typically, software warranties cover defects in the media (disc) itself, but not issues arising from misuse, unauthorized modifications, or compatibility problems with non-PlayStation hardware.

7. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, gameplay questions, or troubleshooting beyond the scope of this manual, please contact PlayStation Support:

- **Official PlayStation Support Website:** www.playstation.com/support
- **Game Publisher:** Sony Interactive Entertainment
- **Developer:** Housemarque

Please have your PlayStation Network ID and any relevant error codes ready when contacting support.