

JUMPCHAIN by SprungGeoduck



Happy New Year! Welcome to New York! This world is not unlike your own, but with one... major difference. 90% of the human population has been wiped out by a genetically engineered virus known as the Green Poison. New York was ground zero, and the island of Manhattan has become a quarantine zone. To contain the many threats present on the island, the US government has activated what is known as Directive 51, resulting in the activation of a secret group of sleeper agents known as The Division. This first wave is almost completely gone, and the second wave is only just being activated.

Manhattan is a hellhole, overrun by armed rioters, garbage men with flamethrowers, escaped prisoners and insane PMCs. Will you survive ten years of this nightmare? Only one way to find out. Here's a little something to get you started.

+1000 CP

STARTING LOCATION

Roll 1d8 for this, or pay 50CP to choose.



















Roll 1d8+23 for your age. Gender is the same as the last jump. Pay 50CP to pick both.



You wake up with no memories of this world, but no obligations either. Why you chose to wake up in this hellhole beats me.

Medic / Free

You are one of the few doctors remaining after the fall of society, and while you are blessed with medical knowledge, you are also obligated to help the sick and injured.



Tech / Free

You are an engineer, working to repair the city's infrastructure after the collapse. You have knowledge of machines and electronics, but the city needs a person like you more than ever.



Security / Free

You were a police officer or a member of the National Guard. Your job was to protect people and maintain order. Now, you must try your hardest to keep doing that while using your training to survive.



Roque / Free

You're a member of one of the many factions the Division considers enemies. Perhaps you're a violent Riker, an LMB mercenary, or even a First Wave agent led astray by Aaron Keener. There's no real good or bad though, is there? Only shades of grey.



Division Agent / 100CP

You are a government sleeper agent, activated now as part of the Second Wave. You possess a very broad set of survival and combat skills, and it is your job to restore order to New York. People will be willing to aid you in your goals, but you've got a lot on your shoulders.

PERKS

Any perk that corresponds to your background is 50% off, or free if it's a 100-pointer.

DROP-IN



Scavenger / 100CP

To survive this nightmare, you're going to need to be able to scavenge. With this perk, you'll almost have a sixth sense for anything useful. Food, water, warm clothes. It'll all come to you with just a little searching. No conventional locks will stand between you and the loot, with you being an expert in lock picking.

Barter Economist / 200CP

Since it's the apocalypse, money has lost a lot of its value. Most transactions these days are simple goods exchanges. You are a master of the trade, able to convince people of the value of even the most worthless junk.



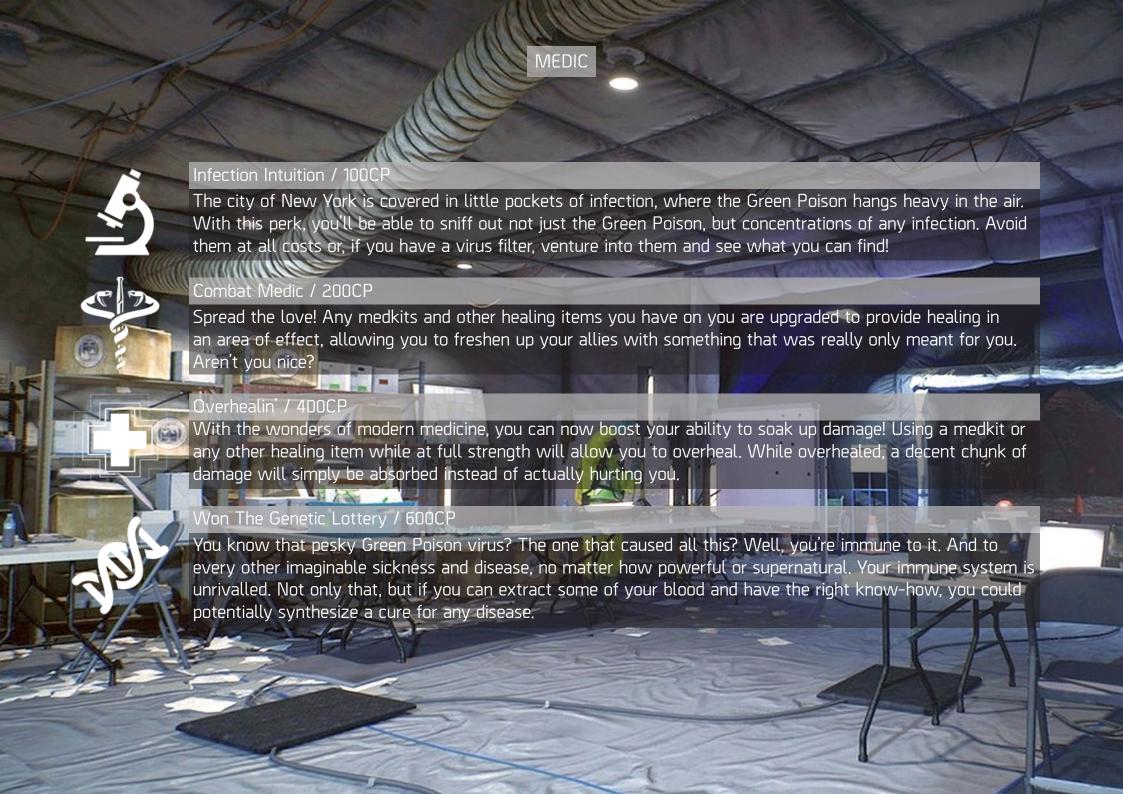
Avoidance Tactics / 400CP

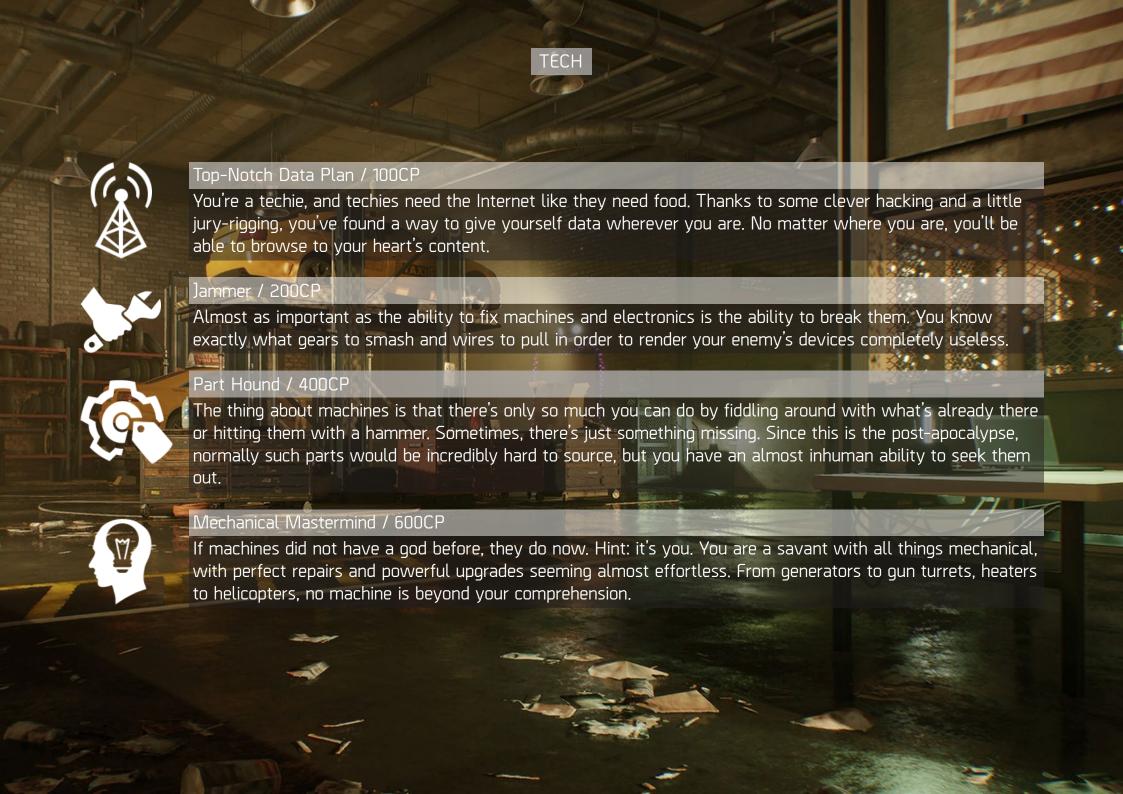
This city is filled with bad guys, and a regular scrub like yourself has no hope of taking down a group of them. What you can do, however, is avoid them. You have an immense talent for figuring out enemy patrol routes and camp locations, and should a patrol cross your path, you can easily find a good place to hide until they pass.



Ultimate Survivor / 600CP

Welcome to the apocalypse. To survive here for ten years, you'll need to be almost superhuman. Fortunately, you are. You can survive the intense cold with minimum protection, shrug off injuries and wounds with ease, and go for days with minimal water, food and sleep. In this place, you might have to do all of that and more.









Weapon Connoisseur / 100CP

You're a defender, and a defender can't defend very well without a weapon. You need the best you can get, and you know what the best is. You can appraise any weapon to work out its various traits and quirks, and decide whether it's the one for you.



Cover Shooter / 200CP

You understand the importance of cover, and cover understands the importance of you. Any solid surface you hide behind, no matter how flimsy, will become nearly impervious to bullets, and the recoil of your weapons will be decreased when firing from cover.



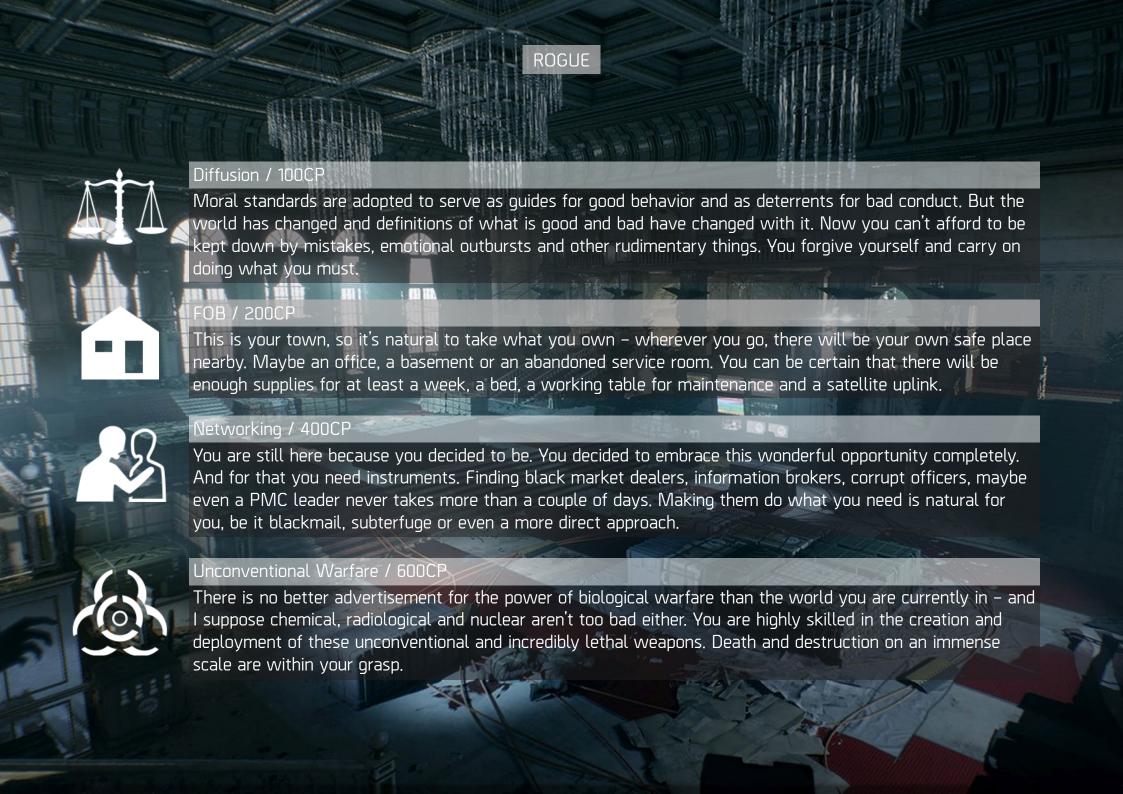
Aiming Reticle / 400CP

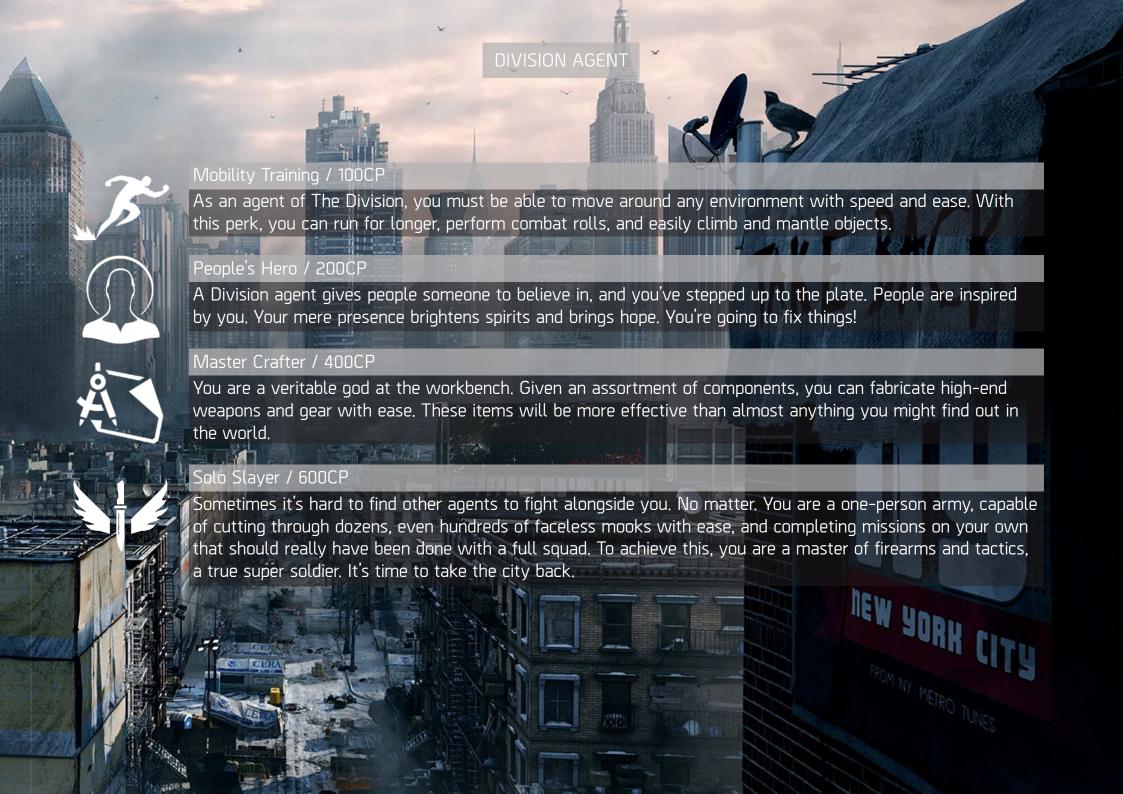
There's something about aiming that just comes naturally to you. While handling a weapon you subconsciously know if a shot would succeed in hitting the targeted enemy. This is limited to the optimal range of the current weapon.



Hold the Fort / 600CP

Sometimes, you don't get the luxury of picking your fights. Your enemies are going to come to you, probably in large numbers. Fortunately, you are the ultimate defender. With the capability to turn any old place into a fortress given a bit of time, a keen eye to spot any approaching baddies, and the fire in your belly to convince people to stand by your side and hold their ground. New York will not fall today.









Looking For Group

What would a tactical co-op shooter be without the co-op element? Bring some friends! Your run-of-the-mill companion import perk. 50CP for one companion, or 300CP for a full cohort of eight. Each one gets a free background and 400CP to spend.

SHOP

Items can be bought multiple times.

GENERAL



Virus Filter / 50CP, first is free

A special mask that will protect you from airborne Green Poison particles, as well as any other airborne viruses you might run into on your jumps. Can be taken apart to see what makes it work.



Flare Gun / 50CP

It's a gun. It shoots flares. Useful for indicating your position. Comes with ten flares.



Winter Gear / 50CP

All the clothing you could even need to survive the harsh New York winter. Thermal underwear, a thick snow jacket and pants, sturdy winter boots, and a cute beanie to top it all off.



Go-Bag / 50CF

Backpack with enough water and food to keep the average human going for 72 hours. In separate compartments there is a folding knife, rechargeable flashlight, portable radio and universal charger.



Lock Picks / 50CP, first is free for Drop-In

A set of lock picks and tension wrenches, for unlocking things. Will reappear in a day if you manage to break or lose it.



Wearable Tech / 100CP

AR capable glasses and wearable computer with batteries juicy enough to go weeks before recharge.



Medkits / 100CP, first is free for Medic

Receive four medkits, which will heal most injuries and can save you from the Green Poison if you use one within twelve hours of showing visible symptoms. One medkit reappear every day, up to a maximum of four.



Tool Kit / 100CP, first is free for Tech

For the aspiring engineers out there, here's the ultimate physical and digital tool kit. A toolbox filled with every tool you could ever need, and a notebook computer capable of running advanced diagnostic software and interfacing with numerous electronic devices.



Handheld Radio / 100CP, first is free for Rogue

A multiband transceiver with enhanced resistance to radio-electronic warfare designed for tactical command level for all military branches. Is fully compatible with all transceivers in terms of voice and data communication. Comes with pouch and headset.



Survival Kit / 200CP, first is free for Agent

A basic bulletproof vest, utility belt, go-bag and a basic set of tactical gear. Includes rappelling tool and highend thermal suit – warm enough to walk around with just a shirt dressed over it.

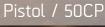


Shade Tech / 200CP, first is free for Agent

Agent's wristwatch with holographic projectors, contact lenses for displaying information in AR and SHD computer with wireless capabilities and enough processing power to use real-time machine-learning algorithms. Includes an ECHO scanner, a piece of technology that has the capability to cobble together any and all physical hints pertaining to an important event in the not-too-distant past. If you're in the location of such an event, activate the scanner, and after a few seconds it'll produce a holographic retelling of the event.



COMBAT GEAR



Old, but still reliable M1911. Someone replaced the barrel with a long and threaded one, allowing the use of a suppressor. Comes with ten 7-round magazines.



Submachine Gun / 100CP, first is free for Agent

One MP5 SMG. Special Forces groups have been using this thing since the sixties, and for good reason. Comes with ten 32-round magazines.



A classic Remington 870 pump-action shotgun. Insanely reliable, with an eight-round tube magazine and a lot of single-shot stopping power. Comes with eighty 12-gauge buckshot shells.



Assault Rifle / 150CP

For when you need a bit more firepower, have an LMB standard issue HK416 assault rifle. The very best in German engineering, with ten 30-round magazines thrown in.



For the patient types who like to hang back, an M1A marksman rifle. This civilian version of the M14 comes with ten ten-round magazines and a high-power scope.



Light Machine Gun / 200CF

Have yourself an M60 machine gun, because you can never have enuff dakka. Comes with ten 100-round ammo belts.



Weapon Maintenance Kit / 50CP

All the tools and consumables you may need to keep your guns in proper condition.



Assorted Modifications / 100CP

A crate full of sights, scopes, furniture sets, grips, suppressors and other accessories for your weapon modification needs.



Frag Grenades / 50CP

Receive four frag grenades, perfect for blowing baddies to bits. One grenade reappear every day, up to a maximum of four.



Specialist Grenades / 50CP

Flashbang, EMP and phosphorus grenades, two of each. One grenade reappear every day, up to a maximum of two per kind.



Incendiary Bullets / 50CP

Activate these to give your bullets an incendiary effect for 20 seconds, setting enemies on fire. Comes with two uses, recharging every day.



Explosive Bullets / 100CP

Activate these to give your bullets an explosive effect for 20 seconds, dealing extra damage and stunning enemies. Comes with two uses, recharging every day.



Light Vest / 50CP

Some armour to go with all that firepower. Lightweight, but won't do too much against anything more than a pistol-calibre round.



Heavy Duty Vest / 100CP

This is more like it! Kind of a pain to wear all the time, but when a looter with an AK catches you off-guard, you'll thank it.



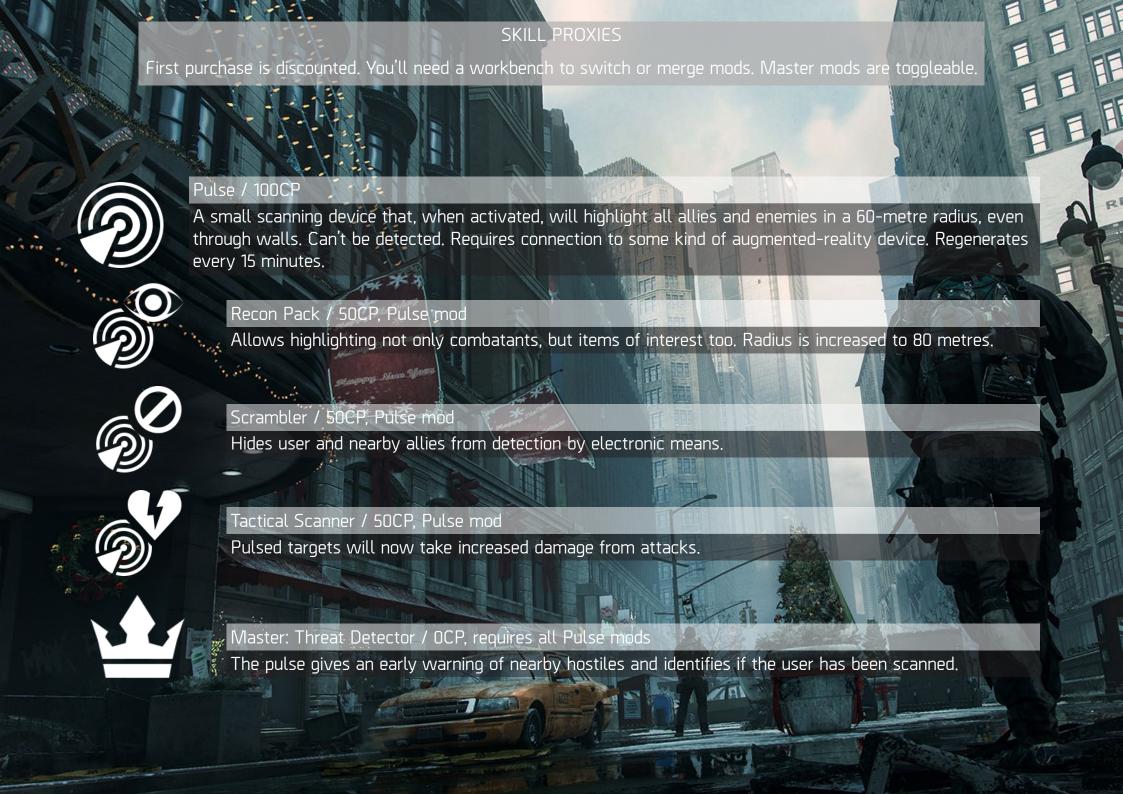
Ballistic Headgear / 50CP

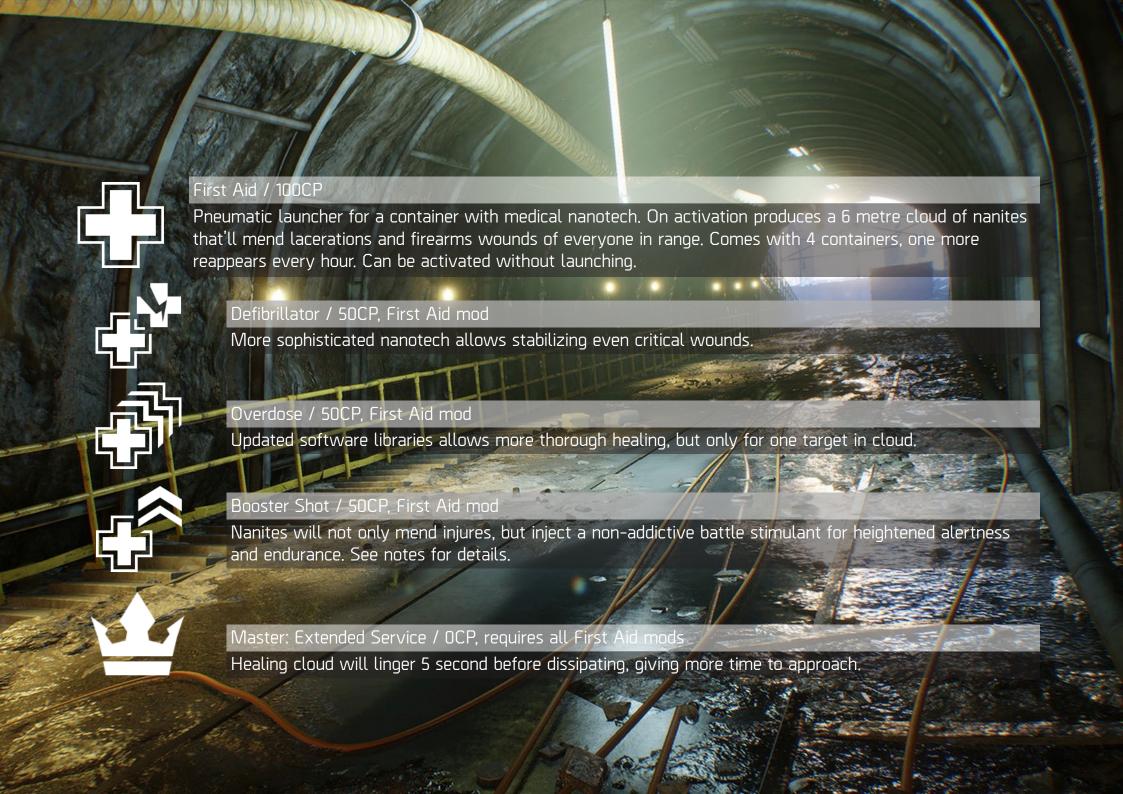
A simple ballistic mask and helmet, because getting shot in the head is even less fun than getting shot anywhere else.

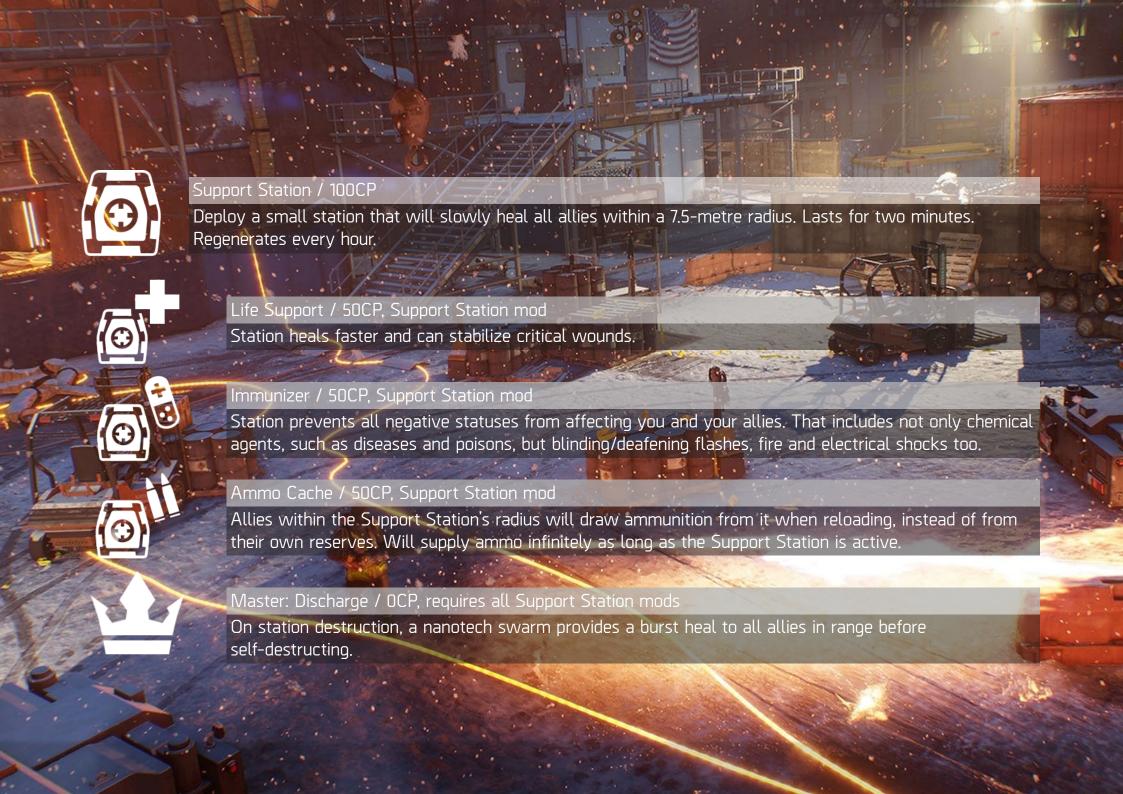


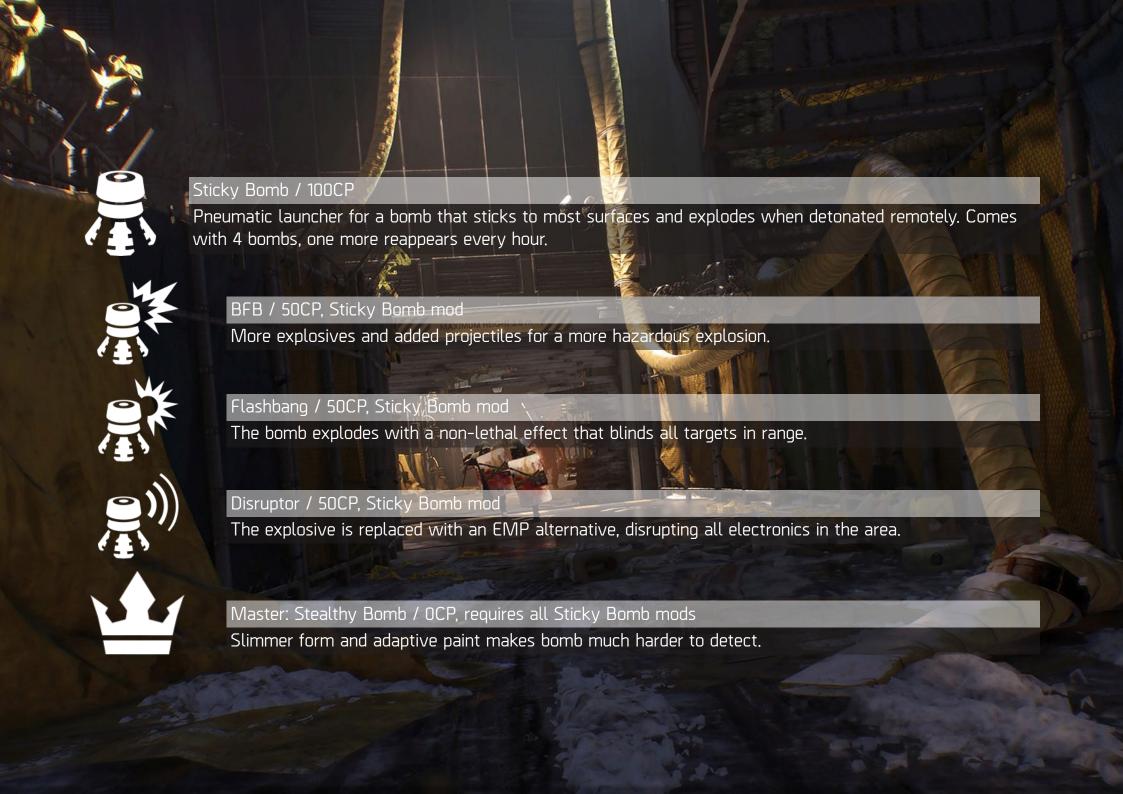
Green Poison Sample / 1000CP

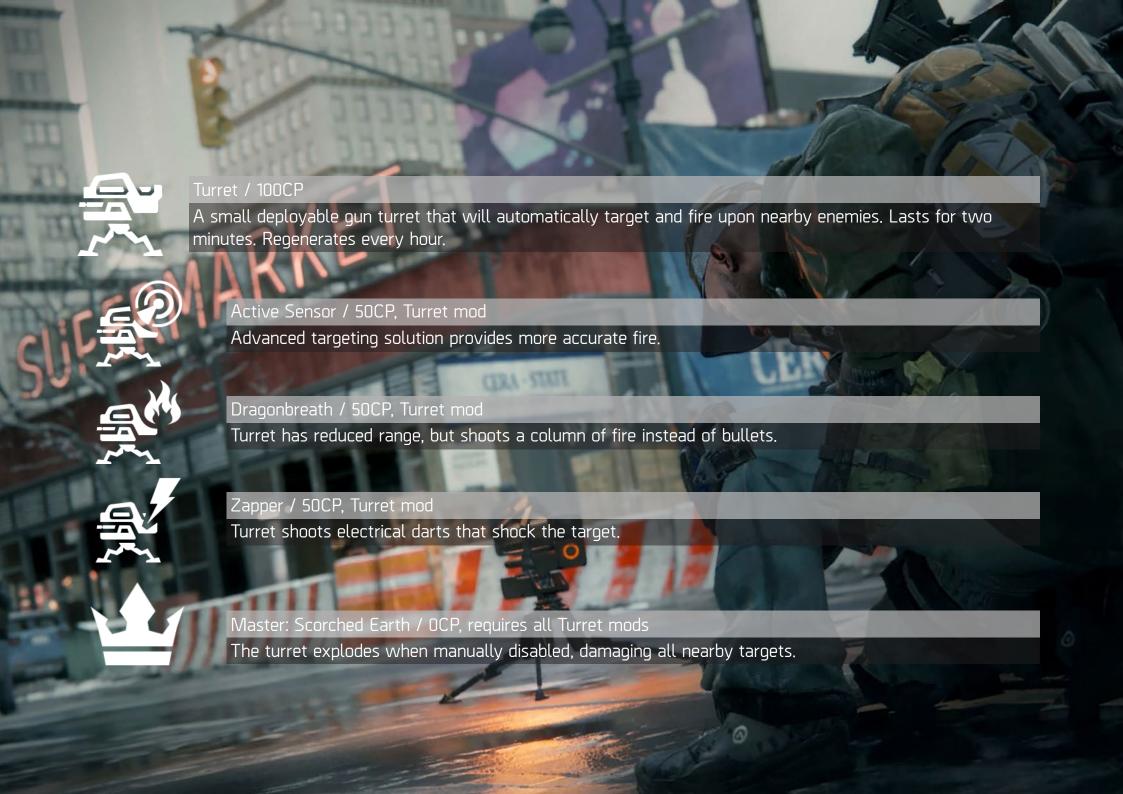
One vial of the Green Poison virus, a genetically engineered strain of smallpox. It works faster, spreads faster, and is more lethal than the base virus. This has the potential to wipe out almost all life in a given jump. Use it carefully.

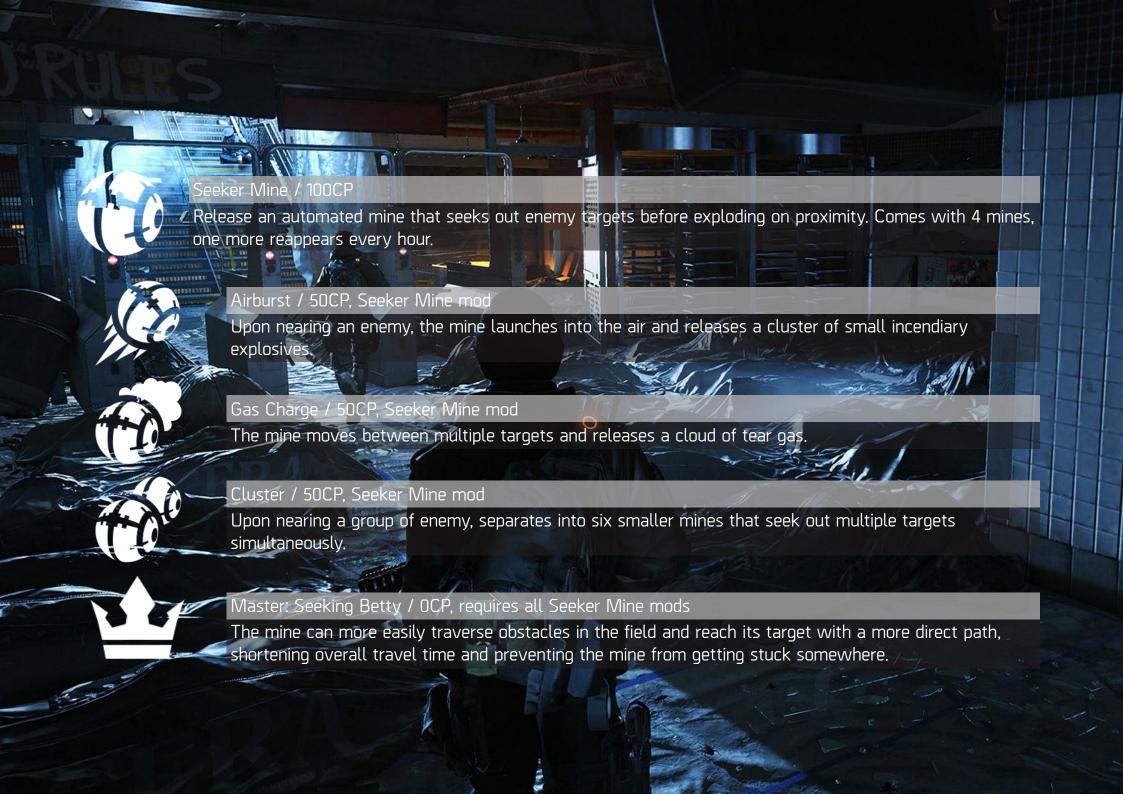


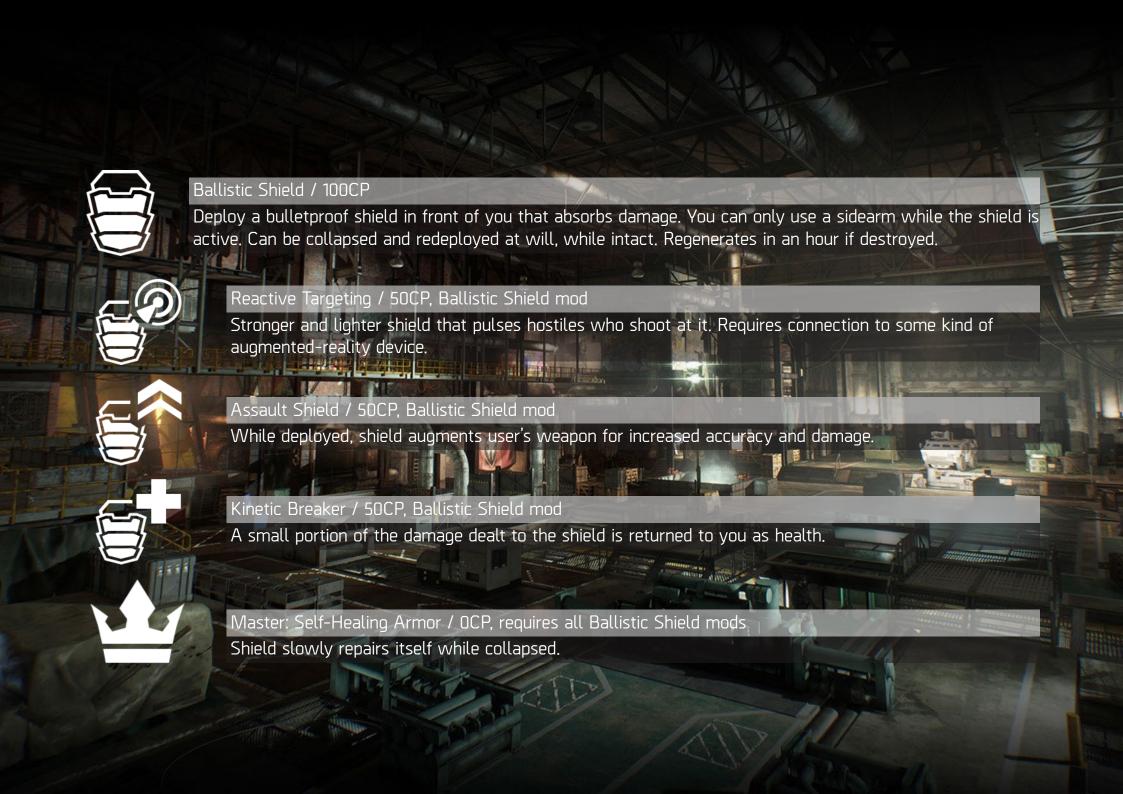


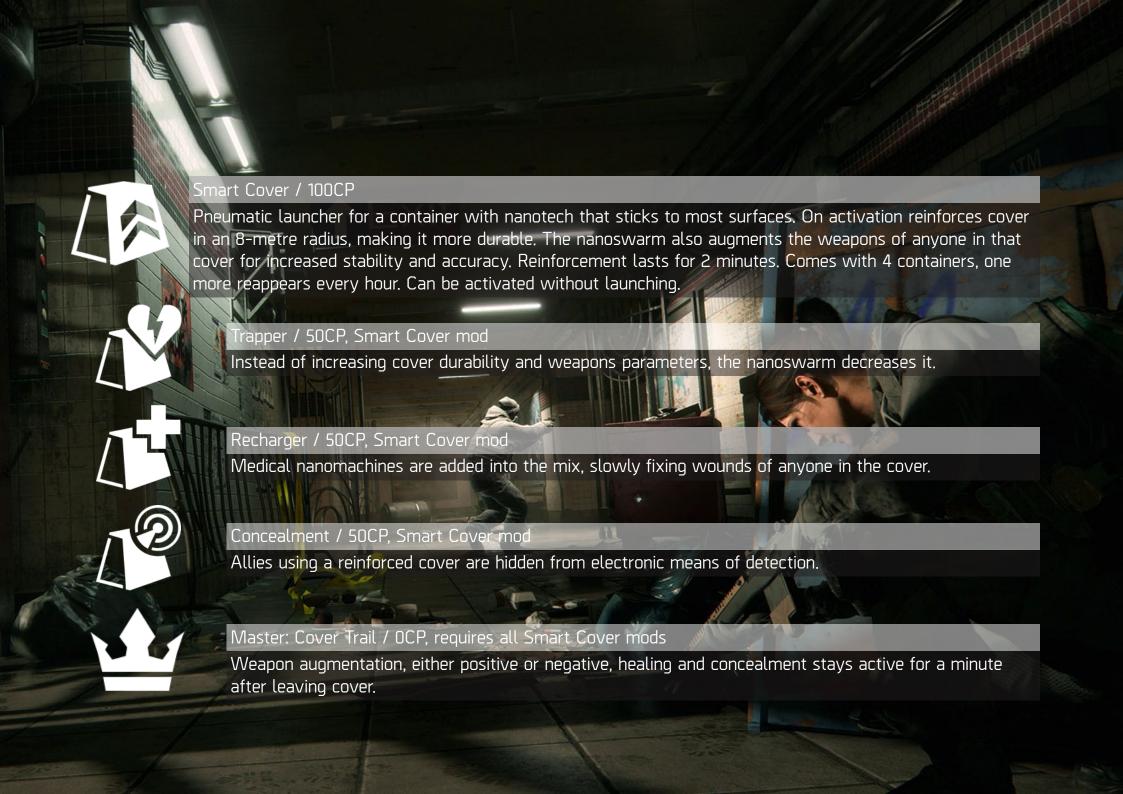


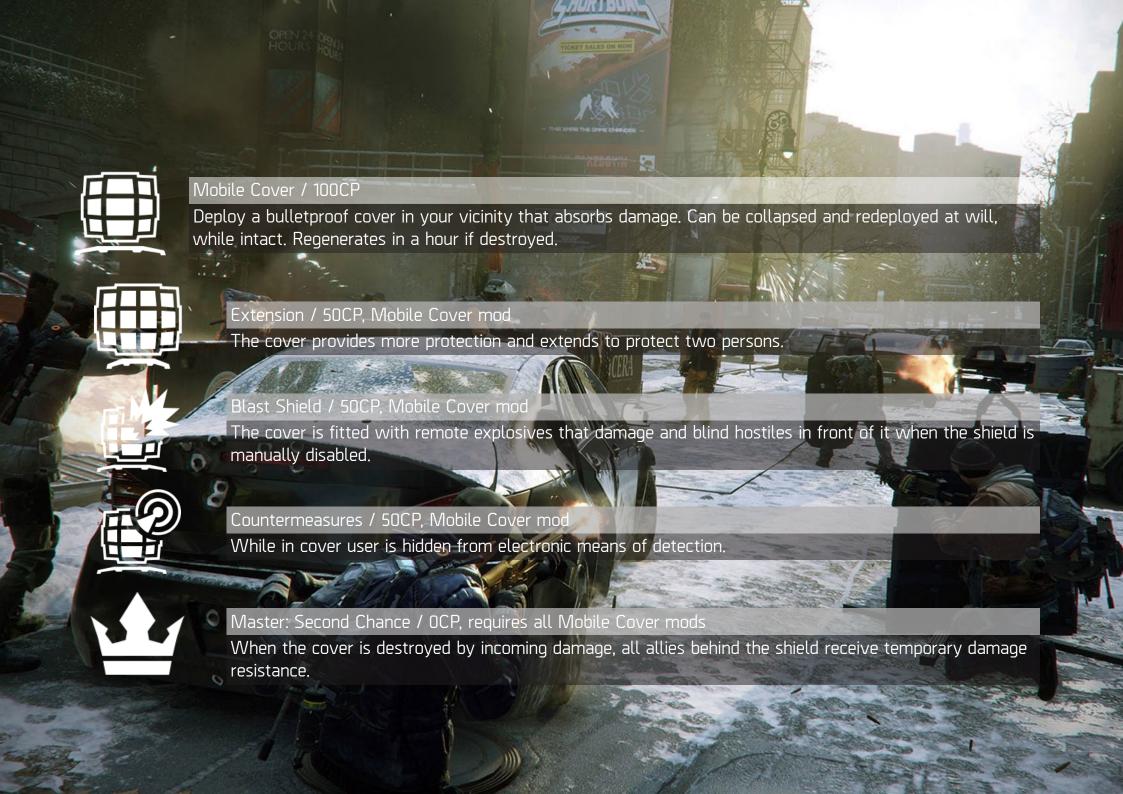












GEAR SETS

In this world, there are special sets of equippable items known as Gear Sets. These sets provide the wearer with special abilities that grant significant tactical advantages. Only one Gear Set may be equipped at a time and Shade Tech is required for their full potential to be unlocked during this jump.



AlphaBridge / 300CP

Ideal for those in need of tactical fluidity – this set is outfitted with unique capabilities that allow for weapon characteristic changes on the fly. Do you need your target to bleed? Your bullets will be modified to fracture and move chaotically once in target. More accuracy – muzzle velocity and rifling will be changed. Increased rate of fire – firing mechanism and magazine spring. Silence – ammo is now subsonic and a suppressor is mounted. All characteristics of a gun can be changed, but the more complex it gets, the more time is needed for changes to set in – accuracy mod is only a minute, suppressor takes a couple of minutes, rate of fire – 5, bleed – 7, scope with bunch of electronics – 10 and so on. Modifications are temporary and need constant maintenance with set nanoswarm, so you can have no more than two. If you lack interface to choose modifications set defaults to accuracy and decreased recoil.



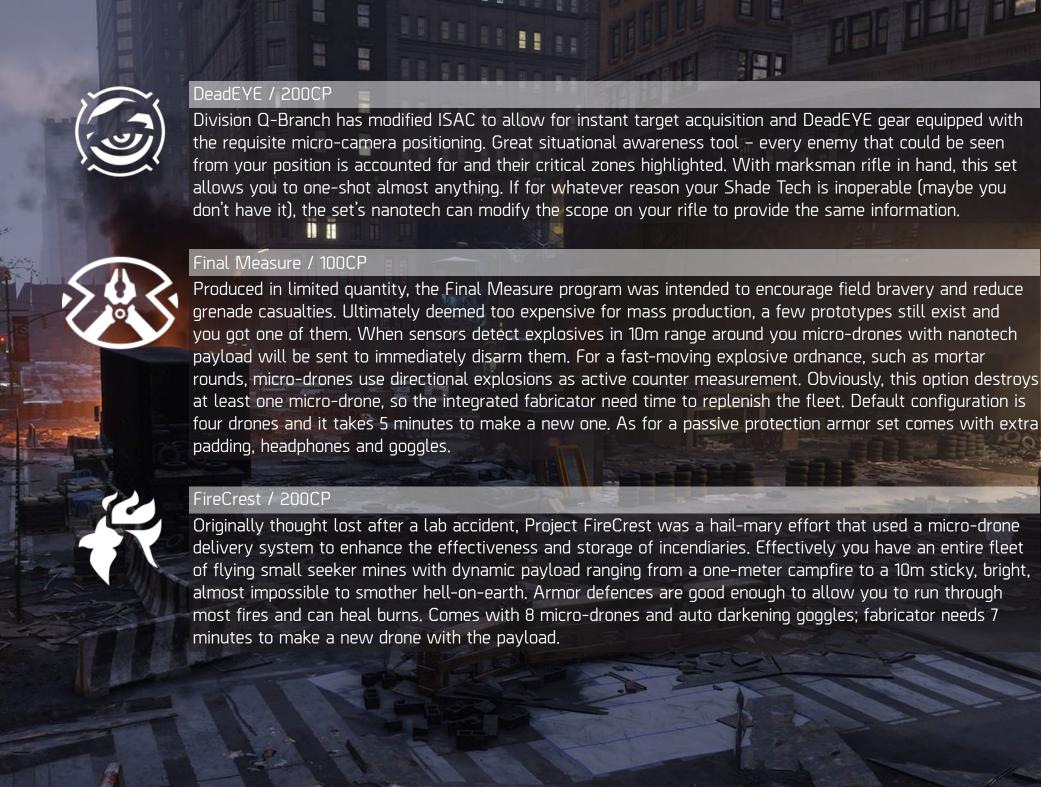
Banshee's Shadow / 100CP

Brainchild of a joint research project between several Ivy-league universities and top defense engineers. The suit's nanotech forms a thin layer of exoskeleton, providing the wearer with increased movement speed while producing almost zero noise. Installed sound dampeners provide desired silence even if you step on a dry branch or, more applicable, on snow and broken glass. Dampeners aren't strong enough to suppress a gunshot, so the developers advise you to use your issued knife instead.



D3-FNC / 400CP

The modern military's answer when breaching or providing forward support cover, the D3-FNC set of hardened armor uses micro-servos to handle the increased load of the body armor. With this you're almost a walking fortress – small arms fire is more like peas being thrown at you; starting from .308 and greater hits can make you flinch a little; if someone brought an anti-tank rounds – please seek cover, armor will be mostly fine, but kinetic dampeners can't handle multiple simultaneous hits of such magnitude.





Hunter's Faith / 100CP

Hunting is a mixture of skill, tactical awareness and luck. This gear set aim at providing boons for all three. Modified ECHO firmware enables tracking of anyone who left a recent material trace, so you always know who was there and where to they went. Nano-modifications to the barrels of the wearer's weapons increase effective range, and rounds are fitted with an enhanced nano-tracker, whose signal is detectable by ISAC at a range of up to two kilometres.



Lone Star / 200CF

Designed for use in third-world countries where opportunities to refill ammunition are rare, the Lone Star gear set ensures that the wearer's weapons are always ready to fire. Redesigned ammunition belts allow for greatly increased ammo carrying capacity, 3D-printer technology allows ammunition regeneration, and microservos will automatically reload holstered weapons.



Path of the Nomad / 600CF

For those who prefer to work alone, the Path of the Nomad gear set provides ultimate survivability through advanced nanotechnology. The wearer will be granted passive health regeneration, allowing them to rapidly recover from non-lethal wounds without medical assistance. However, the set also has a special ability. Once per jump, if the wearer is mortally wounded, an experimental nanite cocktail will be injected into their body, instantly returning them to full health.



Predator's Mark / 200CP

The Predator's Mark nanomachines are designed to integrate themselves into the wearer's ammunition stock, modifying its capabilities. Improvements to aerodynamics allow for a higher bullet velocity, resulting in improved damage, especially at longer ranges. Rounds are also fitted with nano-trackers that allow them to magnetically pull towards each other in targets, increasing damage potential. Please note that the nanomachines are less effective on high-calibre rounds.



Reclaimer / 400CP

Using the latest 3D printing technology combined with extremely advanced nanotech, the Division's Q-Branch has created field gear that enhances the wearer's support capabilities. The set utilises two types of nanomachines: one set that provides a small but constant healing effect to the wearer and nearby allies, and another that scavenges resources and uses them as raw materials for a compact 3D printer capable of printing food rations, clean water, and ammunition.



Sentry's Call / 300CP

The Sentry's Call gear set is designed to improve the wearer's rate of successful shots on target. Using similar magnetic nano-tracker technology to Predator's Mark, the wearer's shots will mark whatever they hit, allowing subsequent rounds to be guided towards the target in midair. The more marks a target has, the more effective the guidance system will be.



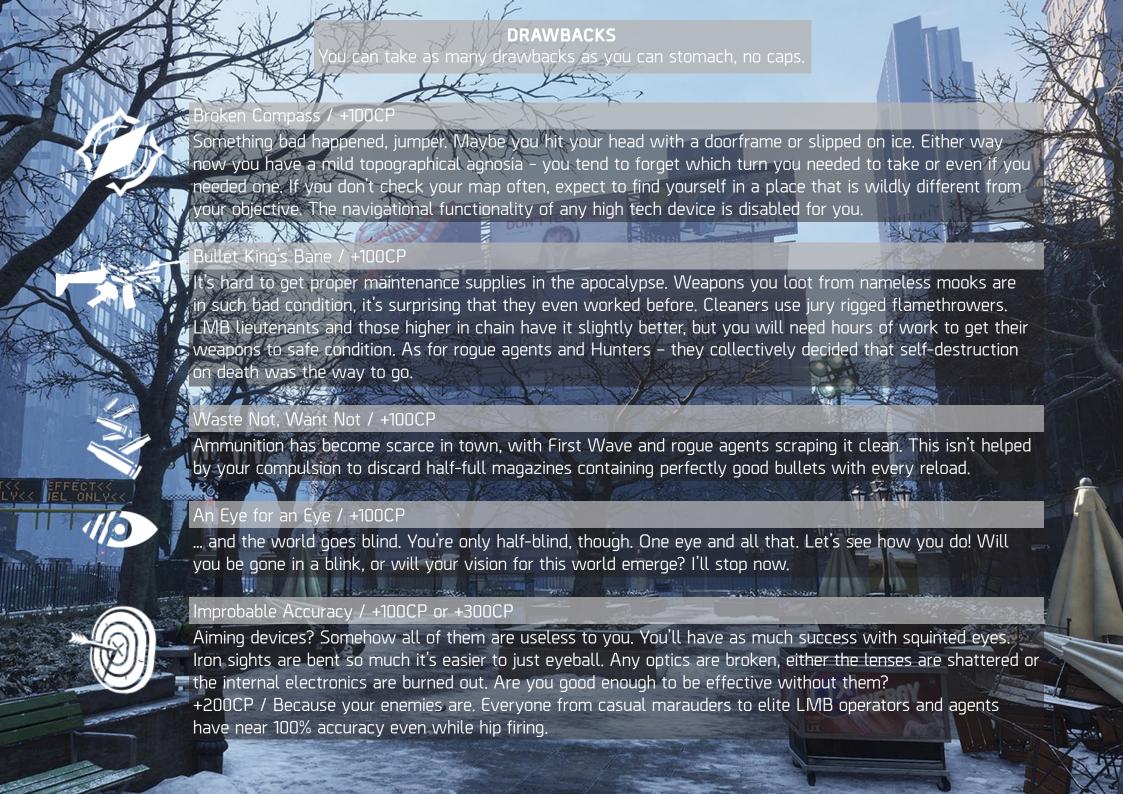
Striker's Battlegear / 200CP

The Striker's Battlegear set uses machine learning algorithms to optimise ISAC's tracking and prediction code, allowing for improved combat performance. Consecutive successful hits with a weapon will result in increasing damage for that target, but processing limitations forces ISAC to discard all data older than a minute, reducing the bonus with time. Missed shots contaminate data for a model, which reduces the bonus even faster.



Tactician's Authority / 200CF

The Division recognises the importance of superior technology in combat situations, hence the existence of this gear set. With it, ISAC is capable of interfacing with any electronic devices on the wearer meshing them all into one processing cluster. As not everything is working at 100% at any given time it gives more resources for performing an electronic-related task at hand, which in turn allows the wearer to hack or overload anything in range of wireless transmitters in seconds. And don't worry about overheating, the gear makers interweaved an effective cooling system into the padding.





Murderhobo / +200CP

Maybe it's a full face mask, maybe it's how you sound or how you move, but no matter who you meet, they just can't begin to trust you. Even if you save someone from the Rikers, they'll think it was just a lucky byproduct of your rampage across the city, with those particular Rikers standing in your way. If you happen to be a Division agent, others will work with you out of necessity, but expect to be sent on increasingly difficult tasks.



Hard Mode / +200CP

Fancy a challenge? Your enemies will face you in greater numbers, deploying more specialised personnel and behaving more tactically. Even skilled agents will have a hard time on their own.



Mayday / +200CP

You arrived in New York by helicopter. Unfortunately, it crashed, leaving you with several lacerations and all the stuff you brought to this jump scattered around. You'd better get back on your feet before rioters (or worse) come for you.



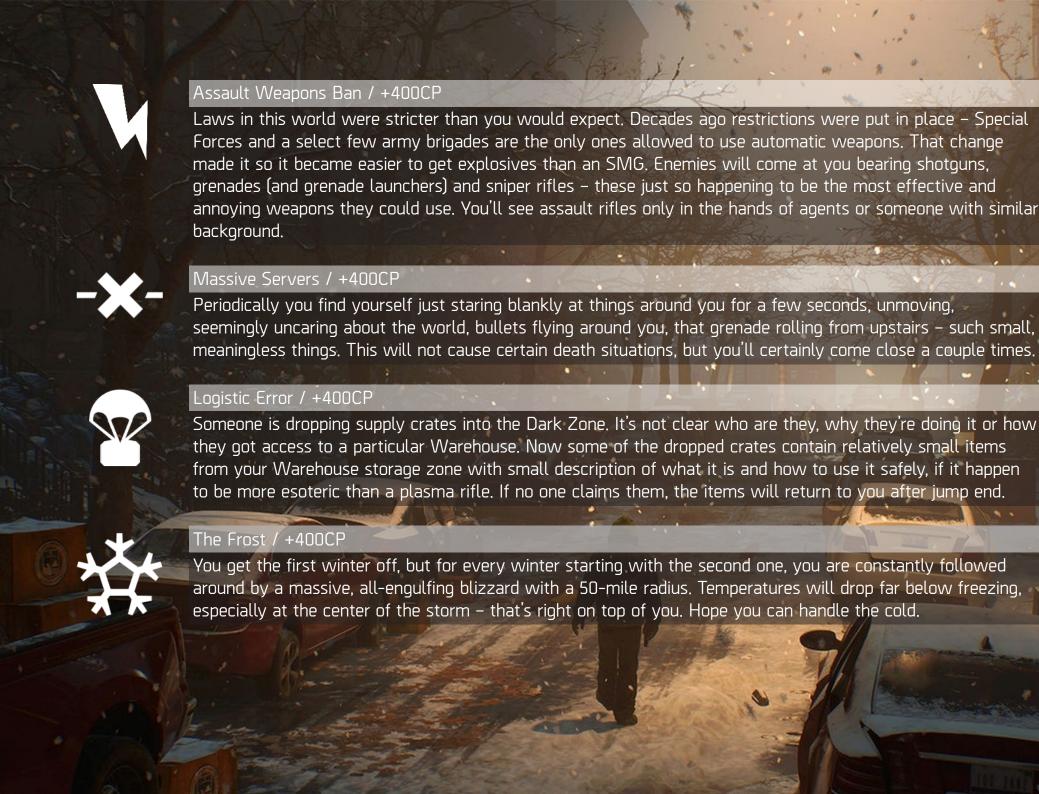
Quarantine / +300CP

You can't leave Manhattan while the quarantine is in place. It can't be lifted with all these factions running around, burning and shooting people. You'll need a working vaccine for Green Poison, distributed and applied to all remaining people. After that, you'll need to find and contact someone with enough authority and convince them that the situation is indeed resolved, order is restored and it is safe to evacuate the island.



Engine Glitch / +300CP

All tech around you sometimes operates slightly off. Door locks shutting just after you picked them, guns jamming at the last bullet in a magazine, healing nanotech taking precious time to get to the wounds, etc.





Roque Agent / +600CP

For whatever reason, you have disavowed The Division and are marked as rogue. Very few will want to help a rogue agent, and every Division agent in the city is competing to see who can kill you first.



Infected / +600CP

You are infected with an initially very weak strain of the Green Poison. Consider yourself lucky. You've got a few years to find a cure for this devastating supervirus before you waste away and die.



Hunted / +600CP

You gained the attention of whoever is behind the Hunters. All of them are as skilled as top Division agents and possess a disruptor field, disabling all your tech and out-of-jump abilities. Expect to meet at least one of them each month. The only way attacks can be stopped involves finding out who they are and their command structure and conducting a methodical wipeout.

ENDGAME

Holy crap. You actually did it. The whole ten years. I'm impressed. What do you want to do now?

Go Home

Wake up in your bed with any perks, items and companions you've acquired across your jumps. Try not to bring any of the Green Poison with you.

Stay Here

Wait, you're actually considering this?
Well, I guess I don't know what you did.
Maybe you fixed things, and the world is
thriving with you as its benevolent ruler.
If that's the case, then sure, stick around.

Move On

You're probably itching to leave this world behind by now. So do that!
Bring any acquired perks, items and companions with you while you're at it!

NOTES

Vendors – do not expect to be able to buy weapons/armor/ammo from the JTF or Division agents if you are not one of them. With post-apocalypse outside, no sane authority figure will give instruments of power to somebody who is just a passerby at best.

Rogue background is essentially Murderhobo/Rogue Agent-lite. The good guys won't be friendly to you unless you can hide your allegiance, but you will get support from your faction.

Aiming Reticle – optimal range for most pistols is around 50m, shotguns – 25m and 100m for slug variants, SMGs – 200m, assault rifles – 600m, LMGs – 1 000m, sniper rifles – 1 500m. For exact numbers use Weapon Connoisseur perk or weapon manuals/internet. Perk will work with any projectile or hitscan weapon, even if it is a Death Star.

Filtering masks aren't hard enough to be bulletproof, even if you're wearing D3-FNC.

Medkits work on in-jump Green Poison, but not the drawback version of it.

Shade Tech can be found in jump. There is at least 20 wristwatches just lying around, waiting for a dashing adventurer to find them. And that's not mentioning more straightforward ways, such as looting an agent, or buying from a certain Strategic branch agent. Don't worry, ISAC will glitch and think that you're the righteous owner.

Weapon mods crate will reappear in nearest safe zone, be it an apartments you claimed, FOB, JTF safe houses, or your Warehouse. Only you and your companions can open it. Post-jump crate will auto-update its contents for all weapons you own. Will not contain prototype, or otherwise unique modifications.

You can salvage/craft/buy/steal/reverse-engineer skill proxies in jump, they just won't have fiat self-replenishing capabilities.

Booster Shot – stimulant has complex action – it slightly enhances memory, motivation to perform a task, increase athletic performance and endurance (i.e., it delays the onset of fatigue), while improving reaction time.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modafinil for more details.

Fanwank most physical side effects away.

