

## ***Battlefield V* Tides of War Chapter 3: Trial by Fire Update #1 Notes**



Hello *Battlefield™ V* players, and welcome to the March Update!

This update adds Firestorm – battle royale, reimagined for *Battlefield*. In this intense mode, you'll fight, scavenge, and survive as a deadly ring of fire closes in. You will be able to play Firestorm on March 25.

In this update, our focus has also been on improving the aerial combat in *Battlefield V*. We hope to make fights among the skies even more interesting and to expand the skill ceiling for pilots who want to push themselves further. There has also been a focus on polishing the vehicle and weapons experience further.

Thank you for playing and see you on the battlefield!

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## Vehicles

With the series returning to World War 2 for *Battlefield V*, the prospect of recreating the iconic dogfights of that theater was an exciting prospect.

During development of *Battlefield V*, we had a vision for flying that would be easy to pick up, but provide enough of a skill ceiling for those really skilled to push the boundaries of what was possible in *Battlefield*.

We set out to accomplish this by reducing the amount of secondary forces being applied to our planes while maneuvering. We limited the effects of stalling and losing lift by accident and generally weighed the flight model more towards engine power and drag, rather than gravity.

The outcome was a flight model that made planes simpler to fly and we were finding more and more players were able to achieve success from within the cockpit. However, we were seeing some downsides.

We're finding that dogfights between two equally skilled pilots have become fairly undynamic and to combat this, we've got some changes on the way to our flight model that should allow veteran pilots to push the envelope of flying within *Battlefield V* even further.

We will be increasing the parameters you will need to consider before and during a dogfight, allowing for a wider range of maneuvers so that pilots can use their skills to outsmart their opponents and come out on top.

Here's a quick breakdown of some of the changes we'll be including in the next update.

### Wings and Ailerons

- Flap Scaling has been tweaked to give less maneuverability at speeds under 200 kmh.
- Drag Coefficient is now less extreme at 90-degree angles to remove "floatiness" at low speed.
- Going slow will now more heavily impact your ability to maneuver your plane.

## Elevator and Rudder

- Drag Coefficients for elevators and rudders have been separated out and tweaked to get a more physical stalling behavior as in nose down faster when stalling.
- Elevator lift curves are tweaked for giving optimal turns above 180 kmh. This gives you a more realistic stalling behavior and allow good pilots to use this behavior in making more advanced maneuvers.

## Airplane Body and Gravity

- Drag over velocity tweaked per plane to max out at cruising speeds. This means that planes will retain energy for longer and not slow down as fast.
- Gravity will affect planes more when climbing. Combined with drag changes, this makes it more viable to trade altitude for speed.
- You will find that decreasing only throttle will no longer affect your speed as quickly. If you really want to slow down, make sure to use gravity to your advantage. With reduced drag in general, you will also find that diving allows you to gain speed faster than before.

Combined, these changes should increase the number of factors you should consider as a pilot. Not only second-to-second, but also longer term. Are you going fast or slow? What speed is your opponent going? What is your relative height to the enemy? Can you outclimb that Mosquito on your tail?

We hope that these updates will make it more fun for you to fly planes in *Battlefield V*, and we are looking forward to hearing your feedback!

*Jim Fagerlund and Jesper Hylling, on behalf of the Vehicle Team.*



## Vehicle Fixes

- The player is no longer clipping with the machine gun on the M3 halftrack when viewed from a third person perspective.

- The throwing grenade animation will now properly play when throwing grenades while in the passenger seat of vehicles that support it.
- Players can now fire the rocket launchers while in the passenger seat of a vehicle that supports it.
- Players should no longer get crushed when exiting the Universal Carrier at steep angles on hills / uneven terrain.
- Fixed some visual issues that would occur when using the Field Drab paint job for the Valentine Archer tank.
- The Valentine Archer tank now properly shows that it's using APDS rounds instead of MG rounds in the user interface.
- It is now possible to repair the Valentine Archer tank's engine once it gets damaged.
- Fixed a bug which could trigger the enter vehicle animation when a player pressed the exit vehicle interaction button too many times.
- Player are now ejected out of towables should they end up in deep water.
- Airplanes will no longer collide with medical pouches and crates, which could cause accidents.
- Fixed a bug which would cause players to trigger tank sights while in a Universal Carrier.
- Players can no longer damage the PAK-40 with small melee weapons such as knives.
- Fixed an issue where players could be immune to damage during a small window of the animation when moving between in-vehicle and the top gunner seat.
- Players will now die if they exit a plane at the moment it gets destroyed, previously in some cases you would survive exiting while the plane just had started to explode.
- Fixed an exploit related to the resupply stations for vehicles.
- The "Camera Roll" option now works with the Blenheim planes.
- Fixed an exploit that enables players to use tanks during the "waiting for players" phase.
- New damage curves have been implemented for all large and medium bombs. These curves now give more predictable damage levels depending on proximity to a target. This change affects both armor and infantry targets. Additionally, some direct hit damage present on some bombs has been moved to the explosion damage in order to achieve better damage consistency.
- The 75mm and 6 pounder cannons on airplanes have had their explosive damage reduced to approximately equal the effectiveness of the BK37 Stuka cannons in damage per second. With a substantial number of additional bombs available to these planes the high damage output of the cannons was simply over-performing.
- The trail effects for rockets have been substantially improved to help in tracking the rockets both for the shooter and for victims.
- The maximum explosive radius of the GR21 rockets has been slightly reduced to better balance them against RP-3 Rockets. The GR21 only needs to fire two rockets to get maximum damage, and the lethal killing range of these weapons was more effective than balanced.
- The small bombs equipped on the BF-109 G2 can now be dropped together to allow both bombs to land closer to their target. This should enhance their effectiveness against infantry and make them a good choice against the GR21 rockets for that tree.
- The 4000 lb. Blockbuster bomb has had a significant reduction in blast damage, but retains in impressive blast range. Additionally, the large bomb has significant drag, making it slower to reach the ground when dropped. This bomb is an area weapon designed to devastate a large amount of structures, vehicles, and infantry. For balance

purposes it's important it reliably damages a large number of targets over a large area without outright killing all of the targets.

- The 250 lb. bombs dropped by the Spitfire VA can now also be dropped together for a similarly greater effect on target. These bombs have also received a slight boost to their blast damage against infantry, as previously, a single bomb was unable to kill a full health soldier in a reliable manner. This is a change for consistency, and should not greatly increase the potency of the weapons.
- Reduced the splash damage of the Bordkannone 37.
- Fixed vehicles so that they take the correct consistent damage to the top and bottom of the tank.
- Reduced the damage of the Valentine AA's Canister shot so it takes a few shots to kill. With 40 rounds and a good rate of fire it should not reliably one-hit kill infantry at mid-range.
- Increased the armor of turrets on medium and heavy tanks. These are now harder to destroy.
- Adjusted the STUG and Panzer default HE shell trajectory to be slower initially but retain speed over distance better. This returns the howitzer feeling of this shell without making ranged hits significantly more difficult than other tanks.



### Weapons, Gadgets, and Specializations

- Adjusted the PIAT for the new tank values. It now has the proper blast damage for infantry kills, but has over all a slightly reduced damage.
- The AP Mine's blast damage has been reduced below a one-hit kill again, with a new damage curve model giving a reliable flat damage amount out to the edge of the blast's effective range.
- Adjusted the damage done to parts by explosives like mines and dynamite so they do not instantly destroy parts upgraded via the spec tree.
- Added a new AT Mine and dynamite damage curve. Mines and dynamite do very good damage if stuck to or triggered by a vehicle, but rapidly drop off if detonated only near

the vehicle. This also makes the lethality against infantry good only at very close ranges and then reduces to a large wounding radius.

- Fixed an issue where weapons would not gain full accuracy quickly enough when zooming in and not using iron sights.
- FG42: Reduced base horizontal recoil to 0.5 (was previously 0.525). The FG42 was a bit too uncontrollable for its small magazine.
- Sturmgewehr 1-5: Reduced reload threshold to 0.78 (was previously 0.82) to better match the reload animation. This means you can switch to a different weapon a bit earlier without aborting the reload.
- Semi-automatic rifles: Tweaked recoil decrease and recoil per shot. The weapon type now has more and longer felt recoil. Numbers are not directly comparable to older versions of the game.
- Polished Action: This Specialization now provides a stronger effect on the first shots to make it a better choice.
- Fixed a bug which would cause Sticky Grenades to self replenish sometime after using an ammo crate.
- Fixed a visual bug that would appear when picking up the Bren gun with an allied Medic that has The Phantom equipped on their torso slot.
- Throwing ammo and health pouches have been improved in those cases where they would sometimes be standing close to other objects.
- Melee attacks now properly does damage when both players are in deep water.
- Improved the V-1 Rocket explosion when directly hitting water and when hitting really close to players.
- Fixed a bug where players sometimes would still see a certain gadget in their hand, while the functionality was for another gadget.
- Fixed a visual issue with the ZK-383 where a bullet was visible through the body of the weapon when using ADS with the iron sights.
- Made additional minor improvements to bipod placement on certain objects.
- Fixed a bug which caused weapons to not reload properly, after players had climbed on top of a vehicle while reloading.
- The Reinforcement binoculars will no longer float if the player has them equipped and does a slide.
- The Kar98k will no longer show the wrong number of bullets inserted during a reload animation after the player has placed the spawn beacon and the last bullet has been fired.

## **Soldier**

- Fixed a bug where the walking animations would stop updating if players walked over certain obstacles while crouch-walking.
- Improved ground detection to prevent transitioning to falling state when crawling under a low object.
- Fixed a bug where a movement animation would be played when standing still.

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## Maps and Modes

- Improved vaulting through certain windows on Narvik.
- In Combined Arms, the end-of-mission slow motion effect will now only trigger during the last three seconds of the mission timer.

## UI/HUD/Options/Assignments

- The Combined Arms mission details screen will now properly show which map it takes place on.
- The Tides of War screen on the end-of-round screen will now always show the descriptions for each node.
- The player can now choose whether to hold or press button for request/skip revive when down via a new control option.
- Screenshot resolution is now affected by the resolution scale setting. For example, if you take a screenshot at 1920x1080 with resolution scale set to 200%, the resolution of the screenshot will be 3840x2160.

## Stability

- Multiple crash fixes and stability improvements.

## PC-Specific Improvements

- Made performance improvements in Combined Arms.
- Improved NVIDIA DLSS image clarity at 4K and 1440p.

## Xbox One-Specific Improvements

- The specialization and customize buttons have been added to the Replace Weapon screen.
- Made previously implemented vault activation improvements to work on 30hz servers.

## PlayStation® 4-Specific Improvements

- The specialization and customize buttons have been added to the “Replace Weapon” screen.
- Made past vaulting activation improvements to also work on 30hz servers.

### **Player feedback**

As always, we value your input, and we want you to reach out to us with feedback. For general feedback, please use our [Battlefield V section on the Battlefield forums](#).

Should you encounter any issues or bugs we recommend that you report them on our [Battlefield V – Answers HQ forum](#).

You can also reach out to our *Battlefield* multiplayer producer David Sirland and *Battlefield LIVE* producer Jaqub Ajmal on Twitter if you have any further topics that you would like us to write about in future blog posts.

You can reach them on Twitter [@tiggr](#) and [@jaqubajmal](#).

Also, you can reach Jaqub on Weibo: [@jaqub](#).

As always, we hope to see you on the battlefield, and we look forward to the journey that *Battlefield V* will take us on through the Tides of War!

*David Sirland and Jaqub Ajmal, on behalf of the teams at EA and DICE.*