La Horde

Design Document - Core Gameplay



Formations

In order to face the powerful winds, the player can change its formation shape at any time. This will affect the Horde's movement speed, as well as energy consumption per position.

Players can change formations as much as they want, but there is a cooldown corresponding to the transition time.

Prototype				
	Visual (Tracer, Scribe, Aeromaster, Geomaster, Pillar)	Energy (%) (positive: green ; negative: black)	Movement Speed	Description
Arrow	P P P	75 75 50 0 25 25	150%	Speed Formation High Energy consumption High Speed
Diamond	T P G P P	75 50 50 25 0 25 + +	100%	Base Formation Medium Energy consumption Medium Speed
Shield	PAGP S	25 25 25 + + + +	25%	Strong Formation Low Energy consumption Low Speed

Full Game				
	Visual	Energy (%)	Movement Speed	Description
	(Tracer, Scribe, Aeromaster, Geomaster, Pillar)	(positive: green ; negative: black)		
Snake	PP PP AG	100 100 75 75 50 50 25 25	180%	Tight Formation High Energy consumption High Speed Can fit into narrower spaces
Drop	P G P P	20 25 20 10 10 + +	70%	Base formation (Alternate) Medium Energy consumption Medium Speed More balanced (energy)
Scout	DA GP PP PP	25 25 12.5 12.5 12.5	25%	Scouting Formation Low Energy consumption Low Speed Bonus to Masters Detection Probability
Turtle	P P P P		0%	Rest Formation No Energy consumption Null Speed Requires a ground anchor point

Healing positions

The positions marked in green on the energy diagrams are special: they allow Horde members to gradually regenerate their energy. The rate of gain is approximately 5 points per second, so it takes a total of 20 seconds to fully fill the energy gauge. Resistance does not affect these values.

Tiers & Masters

Each formation is made up of tiers. Ranging from -2 to +2, these are listed starting from tier 0, which contains the Scribe. Any member not aligned horizontally with another is therefore of a different tier.

The Aeromaster and Geomaster will, depending on their tiers, gain Detection Probability, which corresponds to the percentage of chance a master has of providing information to the player. Thus, the higher the tier, the more effective they will be.

Protoype				
	Visual	Number	Detection Probability	
Tiers	PALIER +2	max	60%	
	PALIER +1	+1	40%	
	PALIER 0 PALIER -1	0	20%	
	PALIER -2	0 to -2	0%	
Drop & Arrow	The Drop and Arrow formations are spectaged masters are considered part of level 0.	cial cases, t	he initial positions of the	

Type of Bonds

Members of the Horde hold each other together using handles attached to the back of their armors. There are four types of bonds:

Full Game				
	Visual	Description		
Shoulder		Bond between two members of the same Tier (one arm)		
Simple	S	Bond between two members of different Tier (one arm)		
Double		Bond between two members of different Tier (both arms)		
Centered	C	Special Bond with the Ground (both arms)		

Formation Bonds

The letters correspond to the different types of bonds (E=shoulder; S=single; D=double; C=centered). A position containing "SE" therefore emits a Single bond on the left, and a shoulder on the right.

	Game			
Visual				
Arrow	Snake			
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	DD			
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Diamond	Dran			
Diamond	Drop			
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S3-E3	SS SS SS			
SEEES				
SEES	53 63			
	SS			
SS				
Shield	Scout			
SEES				
OXXO	66666			
600	SSGSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS			
SS				
Т	urtle			
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Formations Evolution

Since the number of Horde members is subject to change in the event of death, each formation has a numbering system indicating the importance of each of its positions. Thus, if a member dies, the one in the least important position will replace them.

However, this replacement is also subject to energy priority. Thus, a swap will only occur if the energy level of the members in the second and third weakest positions is lower than that of the first.

In certain edge cases, the Scribe's position may be changed.

This change does not affect the tiers or the characteristics related to the position.

Protoype			
	Positions Priority	Edge Case	Formation adaptation
	(in descending order of importance)	(grey: dead members)	
Arrow	2 56 3 1 7		
Diamond	2 56 314 78 9		
Shield	4235 8679		

Full Game				
	Positions Priority	Edge Case	Formation adaptation	
	(in descending order of importance)	(grey: dead members)		
Snake	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9			
Drop	5 2 6 3 1 4 7 8 9			
Scout	42 35 86 79			
Turtle	5 ² 6 3 1 4 7 9 8			

Swapping formation

When changing formations, Horde members retain their position priority numbers. Thus, if the tracer is in priority position 7 of the Diamond formation, he will find himself after transitioning with another formation, in the same priority position.

Special Formation

There are some formations that can only be used in a very specific context and are not subject to the constraints of traditional formations.

Full Game				
	Visual	Bonds	Description	
	(Tracer, Scribe, Aeromaster, Geomaster, Pillar)	(S= simple ; D=double)		
Breaker	PG PP PAS GP		Allow players to destroy fragile surfaces using the wind force Scribe holds a rope with both hands attached to a breakable surface	