## Walmart Banner Redeployment Strategy aka "Rescuers of the Lost Revenue"

Presented to Walmart US Design and Media Group Leadership in August, 2018



**Context:** In Q1 Of FY19, Walmart launched "Project New York," a radical reimagining of its online retail eCommerce platform.

**Opportunity:** Banner Ads were redesigned to look native, integrated, and relocated below the fold. Subsequently customers scrolled past them, leading to a projected annual loss of over ~\$60m in contribution profit.

**Objective:** Leveraging humor and data, achieve consensus between Design, Product and Tech stakeholders that would allow for banners above the fold with no impact to look, feel and performance of overall site.

**Outcome:** Our proposal was approved, banners were deployed, and revenue stream was returned.

### **Core Team:**

- Thomas Misner Principal Manager II, Design
- Vaishali Bajaj Senior Director II, Product Management
- Calvin Sun Ad Operations Manager, Onsite Display
- Bennet Szeto Ad Operations, Senior Tech Ops

### **Stakeholders:**

- Valerie Casey Vice President, Design
- Christine Pun Senior Director II, Design
- Jeff Clark Vice President, Product





# Ad Banners



Banner Redeployment Strategy



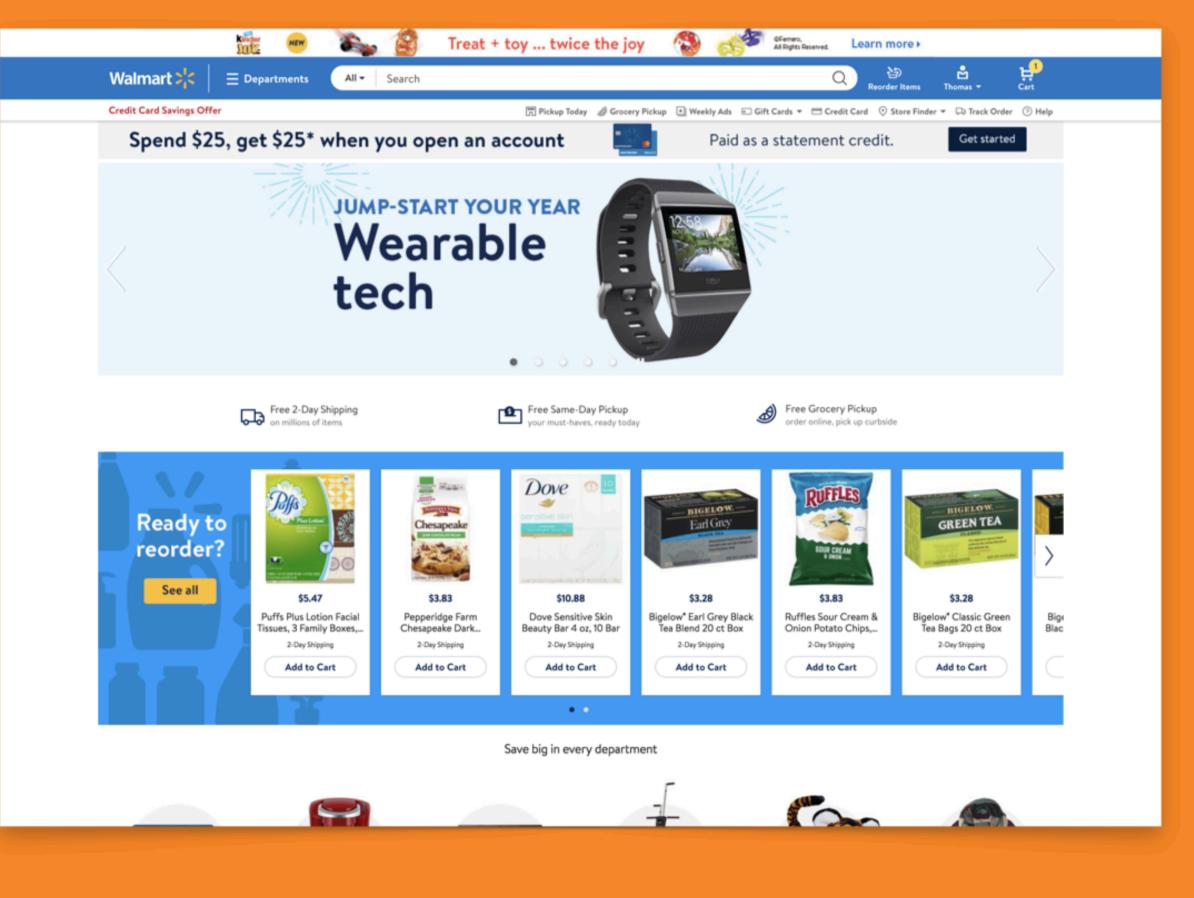


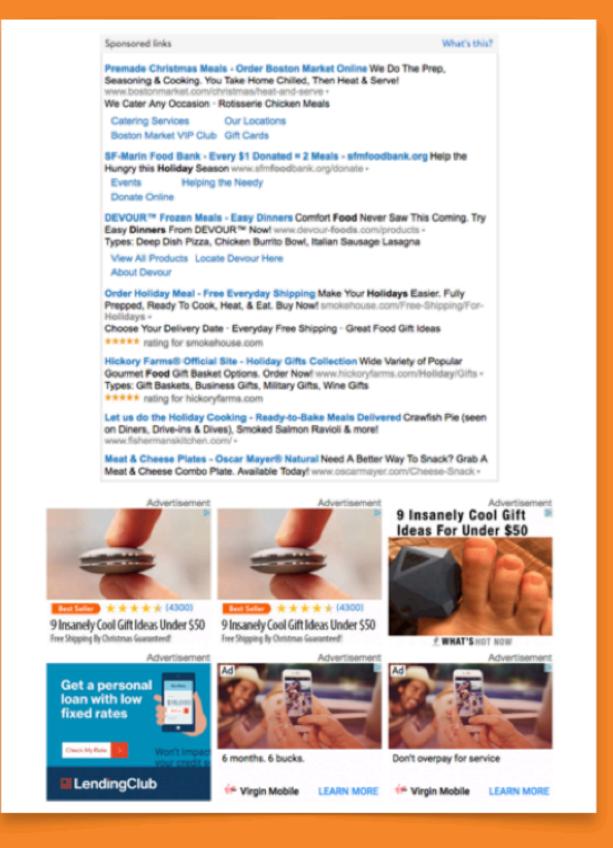
# Audiences hate sequels. Why?





## "Old Walmart" Pre-Project NY (2017)







## Post-Project NY the premise was:

- •
- •

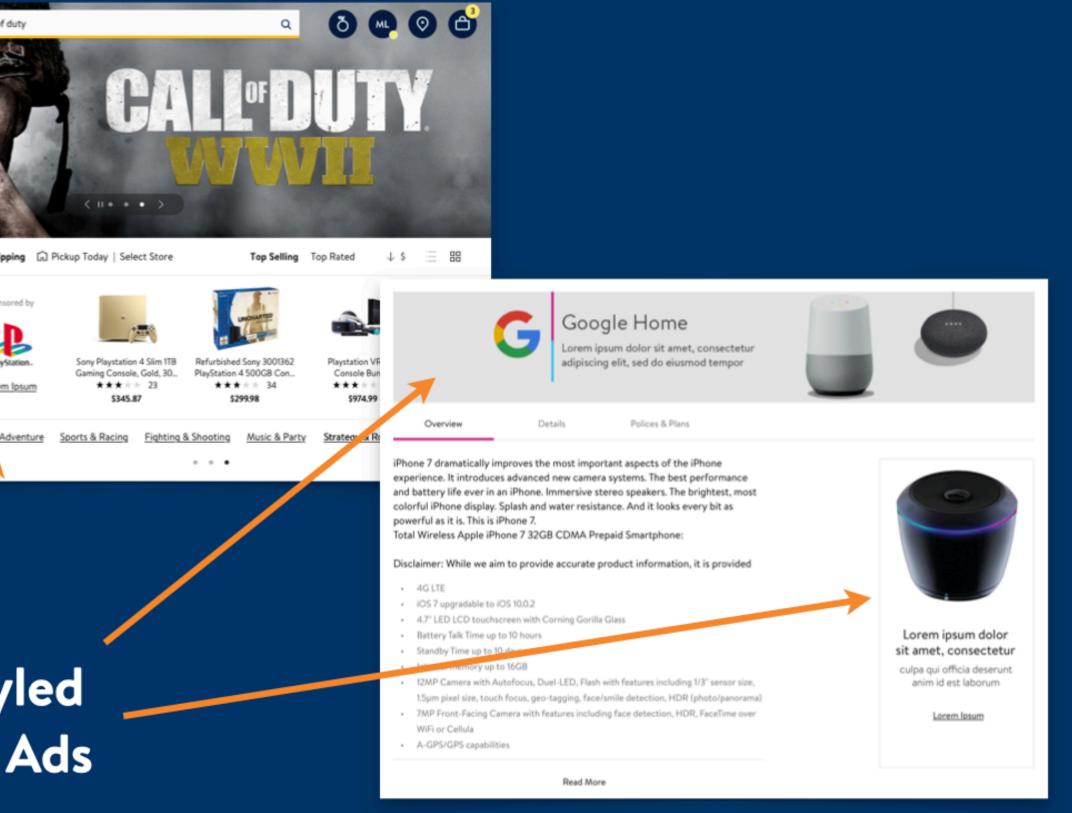
Align the Ad experience to look native and visually integrated into the site ...but move all Audience-Targeted Ads (Display Banners) below the fold





## Post-Project NY Walmart (2018)

* ·	∝ 🚳 🔍 🎯 🗳	*	call of
Cell Phones / _ / Apple iOS		A CONTRACTOR OF	5
	Straight Talk Apple iPhone 7 Plus 32GB Prepaid Smartphone, Gold		5
	\$769.00 Gold 32 GB 128 GB Chyc 1 ~		
	Protect your product with a <u>care plan</u> 2 Year - \$9900 3 Year - \$14900	Showing 1-20 of 488 results 🗘 2 Da	ay Ship
	Free 2 Day Shipping Free Pickup (available now) Arrives by Nov 22 Union City 30600 Dyer St Shipping Outlions See More Stores	Video Game Platform — Xbox One	Spons
	> 🗇 Sold & shipped by Walmart	PlayStation 4 Xbox 360	Plays
	Add to Registry  Add to List	PC	Lorem
	Sony MDR-ZKIIONC Noise-Canceling Headphones	PlayStation 3	
	\$48.00 - Free Shipping Lorem Ipsum	See More Categories ···· Activ	ion & A
Durable Tempered Glas +	r order Apple Leather Total price: \$780.97 Case for iPhone Save: \$8.07 8 & iPhone 7 \$11.97 Add All		Î
Custome	rs also considered		
		NY-St	ty
Total Wireless Apple Phone 7 32G8     Total Wireless Apple Phone 7 32G8       ★★★★★ ± ± 23     ★★★★ ± ± 23       \$699:00     G	**** 23 **** 23	Native	a l
5699.00 🖒 5699.00 (	- se99.00 - S699.00		





# Box Office Numbers?





## Loss of over **\$60m** in FY19 profit contribution

Jul

Aug



## Fans have spoken, though!

- The native appearance works when the ad is viewable •
- Viewable Click-Through Rate is 3x pre-Project NY style •



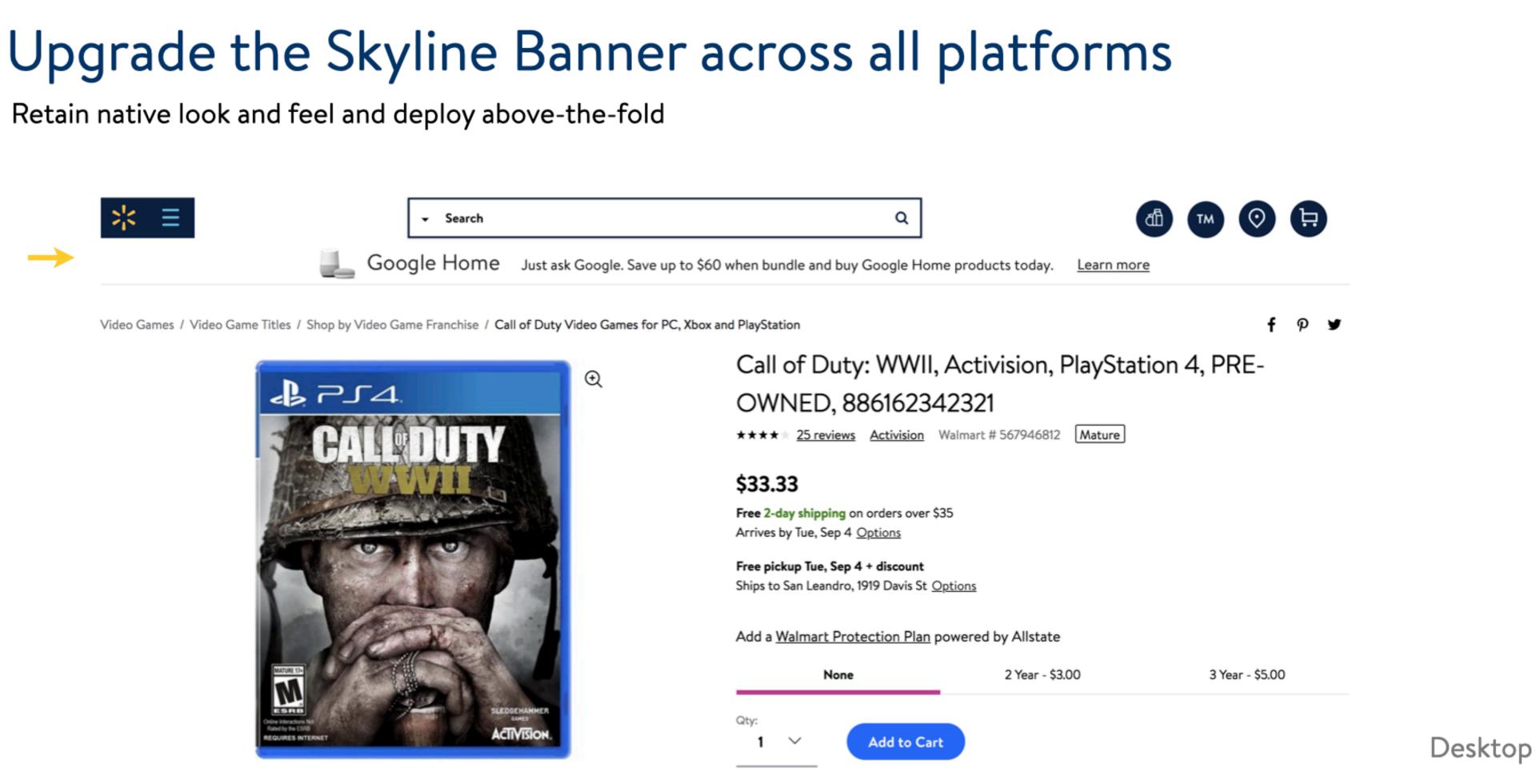


# So get to the pitch, kid.





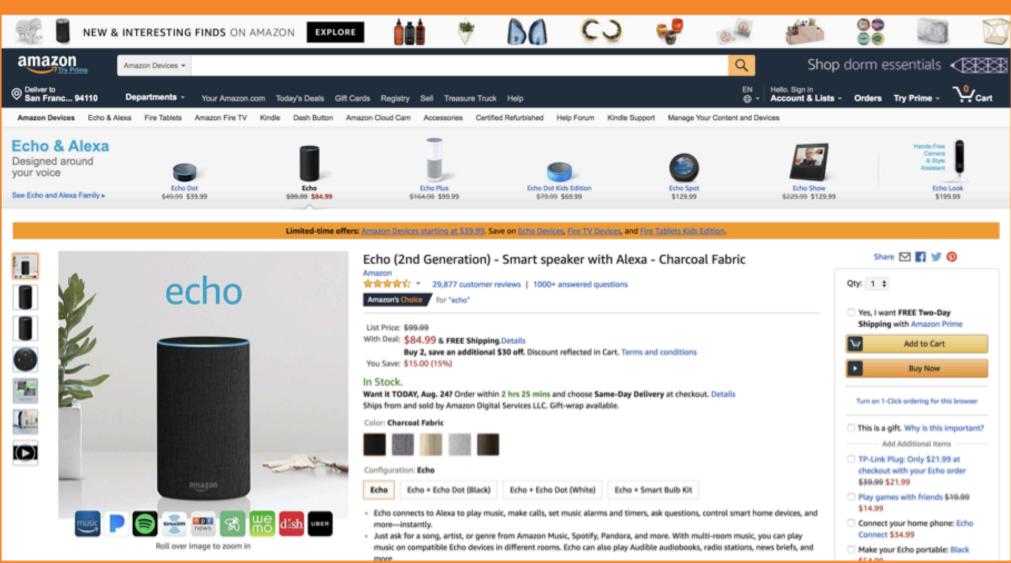
Retain native look and feel and deploy above-the-fold



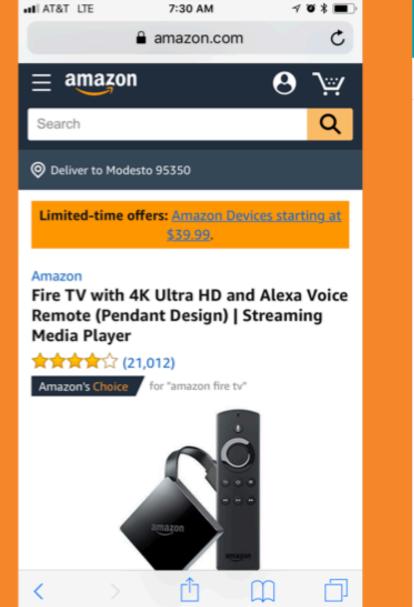




## Competitor Examples



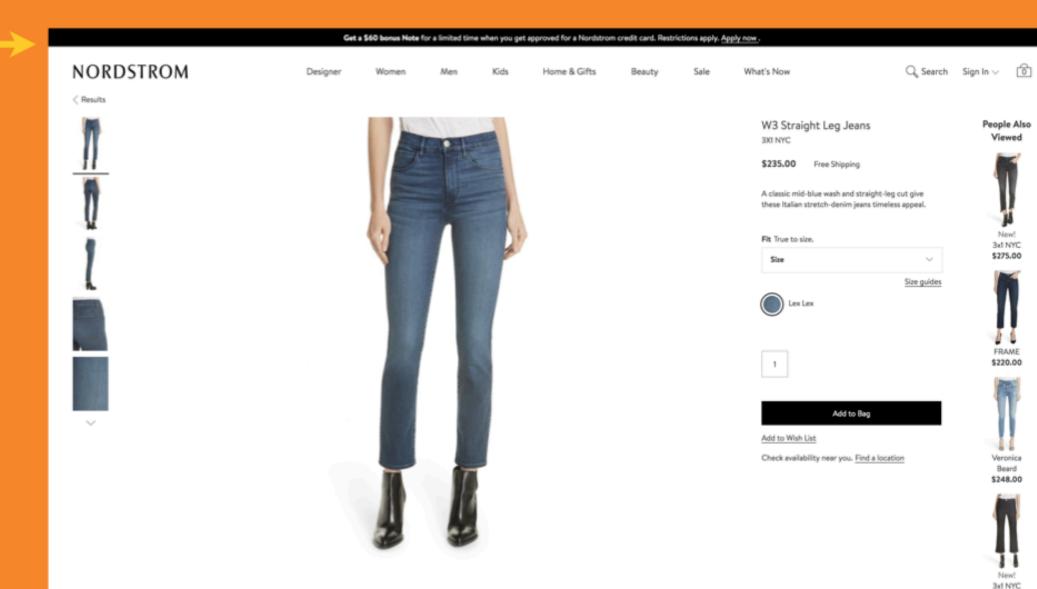
## Amazon Item Page (Desktop, mWeb & App)



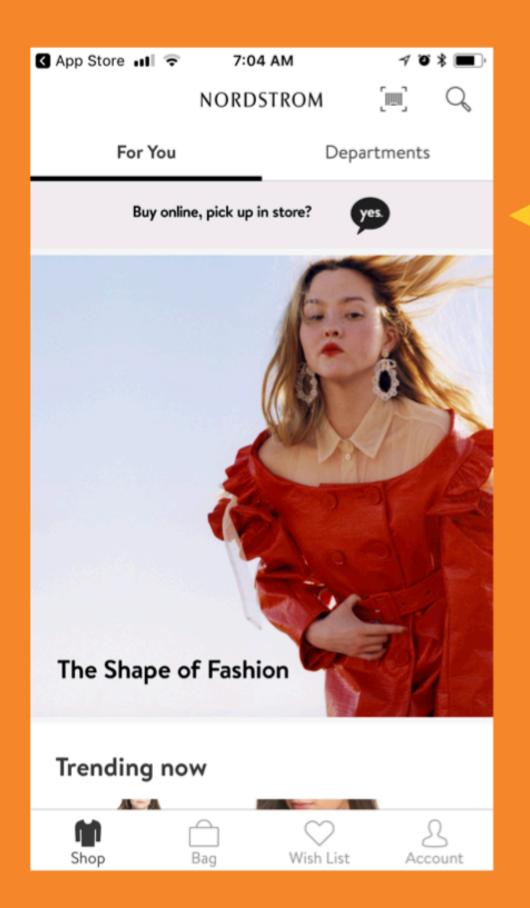




## Competitor Examples



## Nordstrom Item Page (Desktop & App)



People Also

Viewed

3x1 NYC \$275.00

\$220.00

Veronica Beard \$248.00

New! 3x1 NYC \$225.00





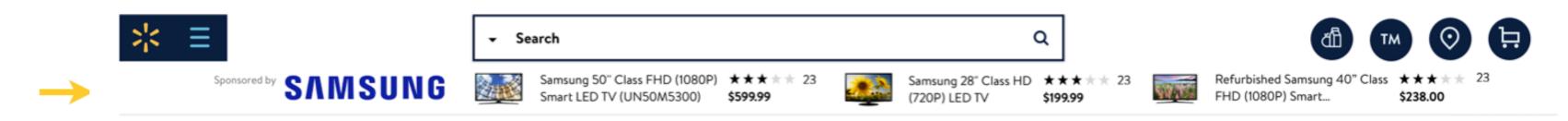
# Okay, what about a spin-off?





## Pull in real-time product info

Advertisers will require supporting copy but Tech says this is doable



Video Games / Video Game Titles / Shop by Video Game Franchise / Call of Duty Video Games for PC, Xbox and PlayStation



### Call of Duty: WWII, Activision, PlayStation 4, PRE-OWNED, 886162342321

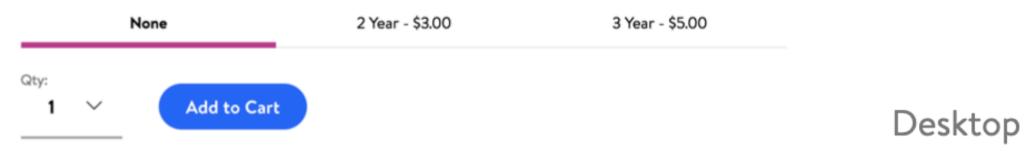
★★★★ <u>25 reviews</u> <u>Activision</u> Walmart # 567946812 <u>Mature</u>

### \$33.33

Free 2-day shipping on orders over \$35 Arrives by Tue, Sep 4 Options

Free pickup Tue, Sep 4 + discount Ships to San Leandro, 1919 Davis St Options

### Add a Walmart Protection Plan powered by Allstate



f 🦻 🎽







