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Attack Speed

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Modifies melee animation speed. The number of attacks per second varies by weapon type and Stance.

—In-game Description

Attack Speed is a statistic that modifies how fast a melee's attack animation plays. True attack speed, the rate at which melee weapons attack, is derived from three attributes:

1. The attack animation for the given weapon class and the [Stance](#) they have equipped
2. The weapon's listed attack speed multiplier (aka Attack Speed)



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example of an attack speed mod



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Each general melee class follows a standard **attack animation** which controls baseline striking speed. [Polearms](#) have a slower standard attack animation than the [swords](#), for example. Specific weapons (such as the  [Cronus](#) of the sword type) each have their own base **attack speed multiplier** which alters the rate of the attack animation. An Attack Speed of 1.0 runs its attacks at default speed. An Attack Speed of 1.2 executes 20% faster, while a speed of 0.8 runs 20% slower. Attack Speed is then further increased (or decreased) by Attack Speed mods and ability buffs, giving us the following basic equation:

$$\text{Modified Animation Length} = \frac{\text{Base Attack Animation Length}}{\text{Base Weapon Attack Speed} \times (1 + \text{Attack Speed})}$$

Where Base Attack Animation Length is based on the time it takes to complete an attack at Attack Speed of 1.0

Recall that attack animations vary between weapon types. Despite the  [Fragor](#) ([Hammer](#)) and  [Karyst](#) ([Dagger](#)) both having listed speeds of 0.8, the Karyst's actual speed is faster than the Fragor's due to daggers having a faster attack animation.

Faster attack speeds enhance a melee weapon's overall damage potential and utility by:

- producing more strikes at a given time, increasing damage per second dealt
- quickening melee [Combo Counter](#) gain for  [Blood Rush](#) and  [Weeping Wounds](#) and its heavy attack damage multiplier
- giving more chances for [Status Effect](#) procs
- hastening [Stance](#) attacks which knockback or disable the target through staggers/ragdolls (crowd control)

Changes in Attack Speed apply to [finishers](#), as well as the *animation of heavy attacks* but not the actual wind-up time (i.e. initial heavy attack charging animation will stay the same but the actual heavy attack swing will be sped up/slowed down). Weapons with ranged charge mechanics such as the  [Glaive](#) and  [Redeemer](#) are **not** affected by Attack Speed and uses Heavy Attack Wind-Up Speed bonuses instead.

 All base weapon Attack Speeds are in fractions of X / 60. This means despite Attack Speed being a decimal, it is not a repeating decimal as they are



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The following [Mods](#) affect Attack Speed positively, increasing a Melee Weapon's rate of attack:

[Normal](#) [Charged/Heavy Attacks](#)



[Berserker Fury](#)



[Furor](#) (Arch-melee only)



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The following Mods affect Attack Speed negatively, reducing rate of attack:



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Attack Speed Abilities

The following abilities affect Attack Speed positively, increasing a Melee Weapon's rate of attack:

Gauss Harrow Valkyr Volt Wisp

	Redline Push Gauss' battery beyond the redline, supercharging his Abilities and setting Fire Rate, Attack Speed, Reload Speed, and Holster Rate into overdrive. When past the redline, bolts of arcing electricity dance periodically from Gauss, exploding en masse when the ability is deactivated.	Strength: 100 / 200 / 300 / 400 (Impact and area damage) Puncture	Duration: 15 / 20 / 25 / 30 s (duration) 6 - 30% / 9 - 45% / 12 - 60% / 15 - 75% (fire rate buff) 5 - 25% / 6 - 30% / 7 - 35% / 8 - 40% (attack speed buff) 4 - 20% / 6 - 30% / 8 - 40% / 10 - 50% (reload speed buff) 4 - 20% / 6 - 30% / 8 - 40% / 10 - 50% (casting speed buff)	Range: N/A
4	100	Introduced in Update 25.7 (2019-08-29)	Misc: ? m (activation knockback radius) +20% (battery limit release) 50% (projectile accuracy) 50% (energy discount for Mach Rush) 100% (melee damage bonus)	



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100% ( **Cold** freeze chance and  **Heat** ignite chance for Thermal Sunder)
≤100% ( **Blast** enemy armor reduction for Thermal Sunder)

Other Attack Speed Modifiers

- The  **Cold Status Effect** slows down a unit's movement speed and Attack Speed.
-  **Arcane Strike** provides up to 60% additive Attack Speed.

External links

- "Since the attack speed stat in the arsenal tells you almost nothing, I calculated the true attack speed for every melee combo in the game" (https://www.reddit.com/r/Warframe/comments/i10f4l/since_the_attack_speed_stat_in_the_arsenal_tells/) by u/GoldPhos

See also

- **Fire Rate**, the equivalent game mechanic for ranged weapons.

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