

Batman: Arkham Asylum: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Batman: Arkham Asylum

Developed by Rocksteady Studios, Batman: Arkham Asylum is a third person, action-adventure game and is based on the graphic novel mythology published by DC Comics. Arkham Asylum was published by Eidos Interactive, a subsidiary of Square-Enix.

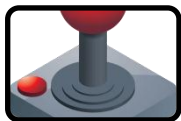
Medium: Disc Version
Version Tested: 1.10



About GFWL & SecuROM

Developed Microsoft, Games for Windows Live (GFWL) is social gaming service that boasts the ability to allow players to play games across different platforms (PCs and Xbox360) and act as a Digital Distribution platform.

SecuROM is developed by Sony DADC and remains one of the oldest DRM series in the Video Gaming market. This version implemented by Eidos Interactive is a hardware-based DRM with blacklisting capabilities.

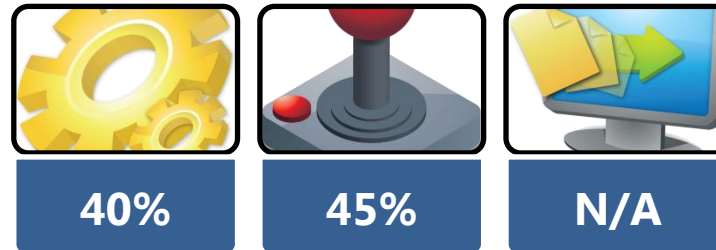


About Square Enix Holdings

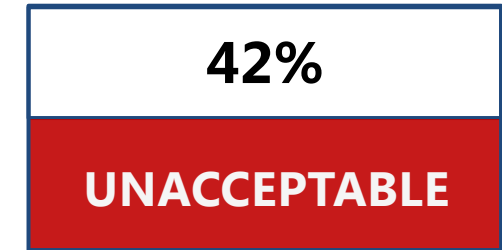
With over 3,000 employees and about \$1.5 Billion in revenue, Square Enix Holdings is a Japanese video-gaming Publisher. It boasts a number of franchises, like the Final Fantasy, Kingdom Hearts and Tomb Raider series as well as a number of subsidiaries including Eidos Interactive, IO as well as Taito.



INDIVIDUAL SCORES



RYG's RATING*



* RYG's Rating is an aggregate of the Individual Scores

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRMs: SecuROM Notifications inconsistent from Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: As above; Delayed PC Release.

- EULA

BOTH: Incomprehensible and inconsistent; EULA present only during the Installation process; No mention of "SecuROM"; Ownership bias.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible.

- Installation

DRMs: SecuROM Files not contained to Gaming Directory; Installation logs not provided for both DRMs.

Publisher: As above; Logs not provided.

- Game Patches & Updates

BOTH: As per "EULA" with respect to manual patches and updates. (Updates through GFWL not evaluated).

- Activation

DRMs: Constant disc-verification; Hardware-based activation; Activation limits not provided; Game non-transferrable; Resale not permissible.

Publisher: As above; Inconsistent documentation; Presence, function and Consumer considerations of SecuROM not documented in Arkham Asylum.

- Gameplay

DRMs: Certain software blacklisted

- Uninstallation

DRMs: DRM Removal tool not provided; Some files and registry keys remain.

Publisher: Some files and registry keys remain.

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.