

Battlefield: Bad Company 2: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Bad Company 2

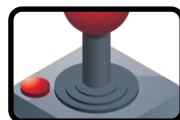
Developed by EA Digital Illusions CE (DICE), Battlefield: Bad Company 2 is military, first-person shooter game and represented the 16th game in the Battlefield series. In this evaluation, the Single Player component was analysed with SecuROM's disc verification DRM only.

Medium: Disc Version
Versions Tested: 515195 and 602574



About SecuROM (Disc)

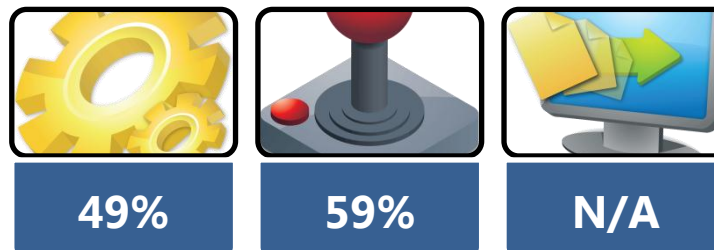
SecuROM is developed by Sony DADC and remains one of the oldest DRM series in the Video Gaming market. This version implemented by Electronic Arts provides an option for Gamers. This version evaluated is a disc-verification-based DRM only.



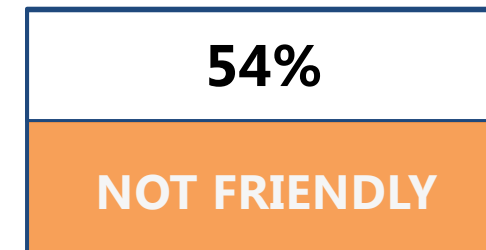
About Electronic Arts

With over 8,000 employees and \$3 Billion USD in revenue, Electronic Arts Inc (EA) is one of the world's largest developer and publisher of Video Games. Aside from once owning a 15% interest in Ubisoft Entertainment, EA's list of Developers includes Westwood Studios, DICE, Maxis, as well as Bioware. John Riccitiello is their current CEO.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



RYG's RATING*



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

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRM: Documentation inconsistent between Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Manual, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: As above; Limited Demo release; Game released incomplete with respect to DLCs.

- EULA

DRM: DRM information inconsistent with what's implemented.

Publisher: As above; Not written for AUS Consumers; Incomprehensible, inconsistent and overwritten; Limited warranties/refunds provisions for consumers outside US; Ownership bias; Internal Disputes Resolution non-existent.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not Permissible.

- Installation

BOTH: DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory; Installation logs not provided.

- Activation

DRM: Constant disc verification; No documentation provided with respect to activation options before installation of Bad Company 2.

Publisher: As above.

- Manual Patches & Updates

BOTH: Rollback option not provided; Sunset option not provided; Installation logs not provided.

- Uninstallation

DRM: Some files and registry keys remain; DRM Removal tool(s) not provided.

Publisher: As above.

- Customer / Technical Service

DRM: Absent; DRM issues not present/stickied on Community Boards

Publisher: Persistent issues regarding connectivity remain unresolved.

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.