

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. In this evaluation, the Single Player component was analysed with SecuROM's online activation DRM only.

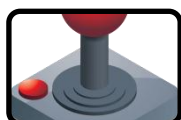
Medium: Disc Version

Versions Tested: 515195 and 602574



About SecuROM (Online)

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 an online-based DRM with a machine-limit feature.



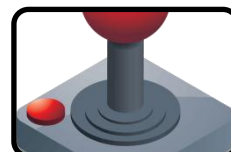
About Electronic Arts

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



38%



48%



N/A

RYG's RATING*

43%

UNACCEPTABLE

* 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.

- Privacy Policy

DRM: Privacy Policy absent for SecuROM.

Publisher: As above; List of 3rd Parties extends only to web analytics service providers.

- 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: Online activation; Non-disclosure of information required/requested for activation; Non-disclosure of where the information is sent/received; Connectivity issues; Machine-limit activation; No documentation provided with respect to activation options before installation of Bad Company 2.

- Gameplay

BOTH: Unable to connect using online-activation method.

- Manual Patches & Updates

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

- Uninstallation

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

- Customer / Technical Service

DRM: Absent; DRM issues not present on Community Boards

Publisher: Persistent issues regarding connectivity remain unresolved.

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.