

Crysis Warhead: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Crysis Warhead

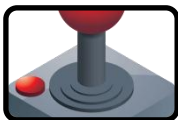
Developed by Crytek Budapest, Crysis Warhead is a science fiction, first-person shooter game and is part of the Crysis franchise. Crysis Warhead's story takes place in parallel with the events of Crysis. And, like Crysis, Crysis Warhead was criticised for its very steep hardware requirements in spite of its significant gameplay improvements over its predecessor.

Medium: Disc Version
Versions Tested: 1.0.12 and 1.1.1.710



About SecuROM

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 is an online-activation, hardware-binding DRM with software blacklisting capabilities.



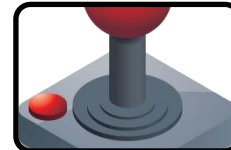
About Electronic Arts

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



18%



32%



N/A

RYG's RATING*

25%

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; Demo not provided.

- Privacy Policy

DRM: Non-existent.

Publisher: Very scant; No contacts as per their EULA; No opt-out option provided.

- EULA

DRM: DRM information inconsistent.

Publisher: As above; Not written for AUS Consumers; Incomprehensible, inconsistent and overwritten; Limited warranties/refunds provisions for consumers outside Germany/UK; Ownership bias.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not Permissible as per the EULA

- Installation

DRM: DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory; DRM Files found within OS System Folders; Installation logs not provided.

Publisher: As above.

- Activation

DRM: Online activation; Non-disclosure of information required/requested for activation; Non-disclosure of where the information is sent/received; Hardware activation; Constant disc verification; Resale not permissible; No documentation provided with respect to activation process.

Publisher: As above.

- Gameplay

BOTH: Connection difficulties to Publisher's servers after activation.

- Manual Patches & Updates

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

- Uninstallation

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

Publisher: As above; Uninstallation link not provided; Some game files and registry keys remain.

- Customer / Technical Service and Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Not supported as per the Publisher's EULA, Section 9, Support.