

Dead Space: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Dead Space

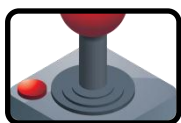
Developed by Visceral Games, Dead Space is a science fiction/horror, 3rd person shooter game. In spite of its negative publicity over its decision to use SecuROM in its PC Titles, Dead Space remains to be a widely popular game primarily for its haunting visuals and claustrophobic gameplay. Dead Space remains one of EA's profitable franchises with Dead Space 2, two films and several graphic novels added to its name.

Medium: Disc Version
Version Tested: 1.0.0.22



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-centric, hardware-based DRM with software-blacklisting capabilities.



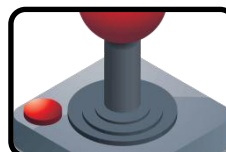
About Electronic Arts

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



33%



45%



N/A

RYG's RATING*

39%

UNACCEPTABLE

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

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRM: DRM Notifications absent from the Gaming Package, Readme and in-game EULA.

Publisher: As above; No Demo; Inconsistent release dates; Game cannot be played on certain operating systems bearing minimum specifications.

- Activation

DRM: Online and Hardware activation; Non-disclosure of information required/requested for activation; Non-disclosure of where the information is sent/received; Activation limits not provided; Activation non-transferrable.

Publisher: As above; Poor documentation.

- Privacy Policy & Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.

- Gameplay

DRM: Software blacklisting capability active.

Publisher: As above; Game cannot be played on certain operating systems.

- EULA

BOTH: Incomprehensible; EULA present only during the Installation process; Ownership bias.

- Uninstallation

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

Publisher: Some files and registry keys remain.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible.

- Customer / Technical Support

BOTH: Inconsistent and unhelpful advice, particularly in reference to "DMA/PIO" switches for Disc Drives within Windows XP operating systems.

- Installation

DRM: DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory

Publisher: As above; Logs not provided.