

FUEL: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About FUEL

Developed by Asobo Studios, FUEL is an off-road racing game. This version of FUEL was bundled within a Racing Megapack distributed by Codemasters.

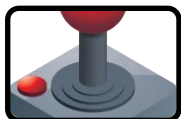
Medium: Disc Version
Versions Tested: 1.00



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 Codemasters is a hardware-based DRM.



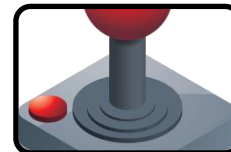
About Codemasters

Codemasters Software Company Limited is a UK-based video games developer and publisher overseeing about 800 employees and handling a number of notable franchises, some of which include the Overlord series, Operation Flashpoint and, more recently, the F1 series. Currently they are partly-owned and operated by Reliance Big Entertainment, an Indian-based entertainment company, which also has a 50% stake in DreamWorks Pictures.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



45%



48%



N/A

RYG's RATING*

46%

UNACCEPTABLE

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

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRMs: DRM documentation inconsistent from Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Manual, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: As above.

- EULA

DRMs: EULA absent from Sony DADC & Microsoft.

Publisher: As above; Written based on US laws; Incomprehensible and inconsistent; No warranties/refunds provisions for consumers outside US; Ownership bias; Internal Disputes Resolution non-existent.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible as per EULA and DRM implemented.

- Installation

DRMs: DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory; DRM files found within OS system directory; Installation logs not provided.

Publisher: As above; Installation logs not provided.

- Activation

DRM: Constant disc-verification; Offline GFWL account required; Game non-transferrable; Resale prohibited.

Publisher: As above; Inconsistent documentation.

- Uninstallation

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

Publisher: As above; Uninstallation link not provided.

- Customer / Technical Support

DRM: None provided on Codemasters Technical Support page (Based on no notification as evaluated)

Publisher: As above; Common technical issues not tagged or updated on the Support page.