

Fallout 3: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Fallout 3

Developed by Bethesda Softworks, Fallout 3 is a post-apocalyptic, First-Person, Role-Playing Game and represents the rebranding process of the Fallout Franchise first developed by Interplay Studios. Fallout 3 was published by Bethesda Softworks, a subsidiary of ZeniMax Media Inc.

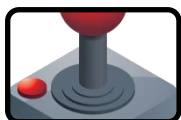
Medium: Disc Version
Version Tested: 1.703



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 Bethesda is a disc-verification based DRM with blacklisting capabilities.



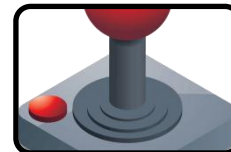
About ZeniMax Media Inc.

With over 1,000 employees and having acquired Arkane Studios, Tango Gameworks and MachineGames successively in late 2010, ZeniMax Media is an American video-gaming Publisher. ZeniMax is also known for their ownership and association of Bethesda Softworks and id Software.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



38%



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N/A

RYG's RATING*

38%

UNACCEPTABLE

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

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRMs: SecuROM Notifications absent from Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: As above; No Demo.

- EULA

BOTH: Incomprehensible and inconsistent; EULA present only during the Installation process; No mention of "SecuROM"; Ownership bias.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible.

- Installation

DRMs: SecuROM Files not contained to Gaming Directory; Installation logs not provided for both DRMs.

Publisher: As above; Logs not provided.

- Game Patches & Updates

BOTH: As per "Installation" and "EULA" with respect to manual patches. (Updates through GFWL not evaluated)

- Activation

DRMs: Constant disc-verification; Game non-transferrable; Resale not permissible.

Publisher: As above; Inconsistent documentation; Presence, function and Consumer considerations of SecuROM not documented in Fallout 3.

- Gameplay

DRMs: Certain software blacklisted

Publisher: Regular application crashes.

- Uninstallation

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

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

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.