

Sins of A Solar Empire: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Sins of A Solar Empire

Developed by Ironclad Studios, Sins of a Solar Empire (SOASE) is a science-fiction, real time strategy (RTS) game. SOASE bucked the trend by going "DRM Free" in support of Consumers over "pirates". The game has been well received by many game critics and have garnered a strong fanbase since its launch.

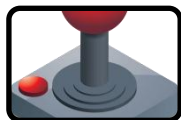
Medium: Disc Version

Versions Tested: 1.00 (and 1.05 without using Impulse)



About "DRM Free"

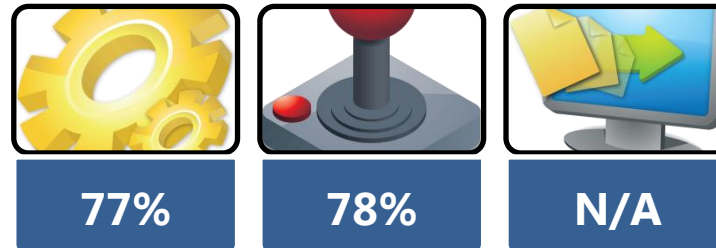
As the title implies, DRM Free embraces Consumer Rights and Ownership without using any sort of content restriction available.



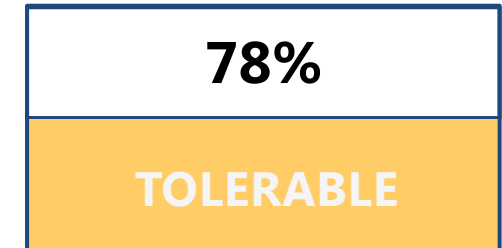
About Stardock Inc

Stardock Inc is a Software and Publishing company specialising in GUI-related software and strategy games. It is known for its WindowBlinds, IconPackager, Galactic Civilisation and SOASE suites. Stardock also specialises in its Digital Distribution platform, Impulse. Brad Wardell is its current CEO.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



RYG's RATING*



* 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.

- EULA

Publisher: Cannot transfer game once it's registered.

- Installation

DRM: Installation logs not provided.

Publisher: As above

- Manual Patches & Updates

DRM: Requires online registration of SOASE for updates; Requires publisher-based Digital Distribution platform for updates; Updates for non-Impulse version not available.

- Uninstallation

Publisher: Some registry keys remain; Uninstallation link not provided; Cannot transfer game if registered.