

Platform: PC (Windows only)
DRM: DRM Free
Digital Distributor: Developer Direct / Humble Store

Developer: Suspicious Developments
Publisher: Suspicious Developments

RYG's VERDICT

88% **WORTH SUPPORTING**
85% and above

1. Product Info

Looking at how much information is provided on Gunpoint on its website and through a distributor prior and on release.

- ✓ Gunpoint released globally on 03.06.2013
- ✓ Minimum and recommended specs provided
- ✓ Demo provided via. official website
- ✓ Advised DRM Free on 03.06.2013
- ✓ All game-related information can be found on humblebundle.com
- ✗ Available only on Windows
- ✗ No Manual and/or Readme

2. Digital Download

Note: Gunpoint is priced in USD via. the Humble Store.

Note: Users will have the option to create a Humble Store account and link their game to it (or download via. their email link).

See Also: Disclaimer of Warranties; Liability Limitations and Indemnity within Humble Bundle's Terms of Service (TOS)

Looking at The Humble Store / Direct From The Developer as a digital distributing service for PC games.

- ✓ Gunpoint sold at one, global price
- ✓ Available worldwide through humblebundle.com
- ✓ Download / Client Manager is not required
- ✓ Released DRM Free on 03.06.2013
- ✓ User account creation is optional; minimal details required
- ✓ Free and unlimited access and downloads after purchase
- ✓ Can backup purchased games "offline" (e.g. external or optical drives)
- ✗ Minimum and recommended specs not provided
- ✗ Warranties waived (excluding physical merchantability warranties)
- ✗ Cover waived against any unforeseeable damages, disruptions of service

3. Privacy Policy & EULA

Looking at Gunpoint's Privacy Policy and End User License Agreement.

- ✓ EULA / TOS and Privacy Policy is not required for Gunpoint

4. Setup / Install

Note: Downloading and Installing Gunpoint will take ~150Mb.

Note: Gunpoint will require extraction from its compressed ZIP file.

Looking at how Gunpoint is installed on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Users can extract Gunpoint to a file directory of their choice
- ✓ All files are installed within folders designated by users
- ✓ All game files installed within folders designated by users
- ✓ Currently-executing background services won't interfere with installation
- ✓ Error-free installation
- ✓ Installation completed within 5 minutes

- ✗ No installation logs of files and registry keys

5. Updates / Patching

Looking at how Gunpoint is patched prior and after gameplay.

- ✓ Can play the game unpatched

6. DRM & Activation

Note: Gunpoint will not connect to any server(s) before and during gameplay.

Looking at the DRM-Free nature of Gunpoint and its effects on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Firewall and AV settings aren't modified
- ✓ User account not required
- ✓ Can play single-player game offline (Internet connection not required)
- ✓ No hardware activations
- ✓ Unlimited installations
- ✓ Activation is simple and hassle-free

7. Gameplay Experience

Note: Gunpoint is not a graphically-intensive game.

Looking at the gameplay aspects of Gunpoint and how it interacts with PC Windows.

- ✓ Can play on minimum specs
- ✓ Can play a backup copy of the game
- ✓ Can play in windowed mode
- ✓ Can play offline
- ✓ Won't "phone home"
- ✓ Can play without connectivity issues on an ADSL connection
- ✓ Can play error-free for more than 5hrs
- ✓ Won't interfere with services and background software
- ✓ Will resume at the last checkpoint
- ✓ Can play on more than one PC simultaneously
- ✓ Can modify savegame and/or ini file
- ✓ No DRM or monitoring services running in the background

- ✗ Only resolution settings are provided
- ✗ Only playable on mouse and keyboard (fixed settings only)

Note: Config and Savegame locations are found under the /Main Game Directory/Savegames

8. **PC Checkup**

Looking at whether Gunpoint will modify certain PC settings without users permission / consent.

- ✓ PC clean after scanning for viruses
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for malware and spyware
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for rootkits
- ✓ HOSTS wasn't modified
- ✓ Played Gunpoint without major errors
- ✓ Start-up settings remain unaltered
- ✓ No DRM / monitoring services running in the background after shutting down
- ✓ System configuration files remain unaltered

9. **Removal Uninstall**

Looking at how clean, efficient and effective the removal process is for Gunpoint (How much legacy material is there after the removal of Gunpoint?)

- ✓ Direct uninstallation shortcut not required
- ✓ Savegames retained
- ✓ Clean uninstallation

10. **Customer Support**

Looking at the customer support side of Gunpoint through the Humble Store

- ✓ Support information, FAQs and common issues are found via. Humble Store
- ✓ The site is easy to use and navigate
- ✓ Searching through the site is direct and quick
- ✓ Info is easy to read and understand

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SHOWS PROMISE & POTENTIAL

Between 65% and 84%

BARGAIN BIN MATERIAL

64% and below

Gunpoint is an easy game to set up and play. Any issues found with Gunpoint were minor (such as fixed keyboard / mouse settings and limited graphical settings).



Colophon

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Disclaimer

These analyses are only a guide and represent RYG's perspective into Gunpoint as a product. We believe everyone should perform their own research and reach their own conclusions. This is one view of many, we hope. Again, we thank you for taking the time to read our analysis of Gunpoint and hope you continue to support our work.

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