

Dead Space 2: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Dead Space 2

Developed by Visceral Games, Dead Space 2 is a science fiction/horror, 3rd person shooter game and is the sequel to the Dead Space franchise.

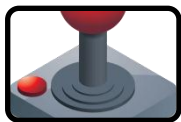
Medium: Disc Version
Version Tested: 1.00



About SolidShield & SecuROM

Developed by Tagès SAS, SolidShield is an online-centric and hardware-based DRM. This version of SolidShield allows a one-time online activation across 5 PCs concurrently.

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 DRM with a Release Date Check capability.



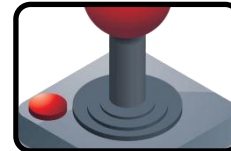
About Electronic Arts

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



38%



54%



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 Notifications inconsistent from Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: As above; Notification of "Release Date Check" not provided; No Demo.

- Privacy Policy & Internal Disputes Resolution

DRMs: Non-existent.

- EULA

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

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible.

- Installation

DRMs: DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory

Publisher: As above; Logs not provided.

- Activation

DRMs: Online and Hardware activation; Non-disclosure of information required/requested for activation; Non-disclosure of where the information is sent/received; "Release Date Check" made known before Activation stage.

Publisher: As above; Inconsistent documentation.

- Uninstallation

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

Publisher: Some files and registry keys remain.

- Customer / Technical Support

BOTH: Inconsistent and unhelpful advice, particularly in reference to the "Release Date Check" and SecuROM.