

Max Payne 3: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Max Payne 3

Max Payne 3 is the much-anticipated third-person shooter in the Max Payne franchise and is developed by Rockstar Games.

Medium: Disc Version

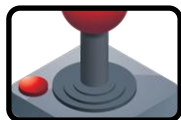
Versions Tested: Automatic Patch to 1.0.0.22



Social Club & GameShield

Developed by Yummy Interactive, GameShield is a hardware-based and online-centric DRM with known capabilities to fully integrate itself into an Operating System's registry and create "alias" files to aid anti-circumvention.

Developed by Rockstar Games, Rockstar Social Club is an online-centric user-account driven DRM with added support features in achievement hunting and multiplayer. The service is closely related to Games For Windows Live by design.



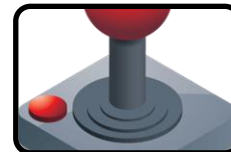
About Take Two Interactive

With over 2,000 employees and about \$1 Billion in revenue, Take-Two Interactive is an American video-gaming Publisher. They oversee 2K Games and Rockstar Games in their production of video games and they handle several key franchises including GTA, BioShock as well as the line-up of 2K Sports franchises.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



0%



0%



N/A

RYG's RATING*

0%

UNACCEPTABLE

* RYG's Rating of 0% was influenced by the fact that Max Payne 3 was unplayable across all machines tested by RYG.

AREAS OF CONCERN

Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRM and Publisher: Little information was provided before and after Max Payne 3 was officially released; Little information is provided as to which combination of GameShield IronWrap was implemented in the game; Little is known given the surreptitious architecture of GameShield; DRM Strategy is two-tiered: Rockstar Social Club + GameShield; Relevant Links are not provided in relation to GameShield.

Gameplay

BOTH: Was advised to disable any anti-virus and firewall software running before automatic updates and during the launch of Max Payne 3; Users cannot create a Rockstar Social Club account in-game; Users cannot log into their Rockstar Social Club Account based on the current Social Club version of 1.0.9.5; Activation of Max Payne 3 isn't possible via wireless and cable-connected connections, suggested port-forwarding routes and it is still not possible after disabling any anti-virus and firewall software.

Customer / Technical Support

Publisher (In relation to above issues): Customer support response times more than 24-hours; knowledge base in respect of activation issues is unreliable and unsafe; Recommended solution by tech support direct is to reinstall the same patches manually, which then raises questions about their automatic update functionality.