Welcome to Heavy Metal: FAKK2 1.00 READ ME

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This document contains the latest information regarding "Heavy Metal: FAKK2".

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I. Minimum System Requirements

3D Graphics Accelerator*

- A 100% Windows 95/98 compatible computer system (including compatible 32-bit drivers for CD-ROM, video card, sound card and input devices).

- 300 MHz Pentium II® Processor.

- 64 MB of RAM.

- US Version of Windows 95/98, Windows NT 4.0 SP3 or Windows 2000 Operating System.

- Requires DirectX 7.0 (included) or higher.

- Requires 30MB of uncompressed disk space plus an additional 96MB for the Windows Swap File for the Minimum Install. A Full Installation will require 400MB of uncompressed disk space for game files, plus an additional 96MB for the Windows Swap File.

- Quad Speed CD-ROM drive (600KB/second sustained transfer rate).

- 100% DirectX 7.0 or higher compatible sound card.

- 100% Microsoft compatible mouse and driver.

IMPORTANT:

* 3D-Graphics Accelerator w/OpenGL support required.

A 100% DirectX 7.0 or higher compliant 3D video card driver is required.

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 has been tested on many but not all of the major video cards. Some 3D accelerator card brands utilizing the chipsets whose logos appear on the box may not be fully compatible with the 3D acceleration features of Heavy Metal: FAKK2. If your 3D card is not the list, please visit http://fakk2.godgames.com/ for the latest information.

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 supports the following:

3DFX Voodoo 3	nVidia Riva TNT2	Matrox G400
3DFX Voodoo 4	nVidia GeForce 256	ATI Rage Fury MAXX
3DFX Voodoo 5	nVidia Riva TNT	

Please Note: Heavy Metal: FAKK2 does not support "beta", "special purpose", "reference", or "release candidate" drivers. These drivers are to be used at the discretion and risk of the end user. Gathering of Developers Customer Support does not support any of these types of drivers.

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 uses Microsoft DirectX 7 technology, and requires that your system have the most updated Windows 95/98 DirectX 7 compatible drivers for CD-ROM, video card, sound card, and input devices.

II. Known Video & Sound Card Issues

Video:

Windows 2000 w/dual displays:

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 is not supported Windows 2000 with dual displays.

Sound:

MX400: If you experience static noise, follow the instructions to correct this:

1. Open the Windows Control Panel.
2. Double click on the Multimedia icon.
3. Select "Advanced Properties" in the Playback section on the Audio tab.
4. Select the "Performance" tab.
5. Move the "Hardware acceleration" slider to the 2nd notch from the left (Basic Acceleration).
6. Move the "Sample rate conversion quality" slider to the middle notch (improved sample rate converter).
7. Click OK.

SoundBlaster Live! and other Creative Labs cards: If you do not hear all the sounds play, try the following:

1. Open the Windows Control Panel.
2. Double click on the Multimedia icon.
3. Select "Advanced Properties" in the Playback section on the "Audio" tab.
4. Select the Performance tab.
5. Move the "Hardware acceleration" slider to the 2nd notch from the left (Basic Acceleration).
6. Click OK.

III. General Troubleshooting

*** *How do I install the game?* ***
If the Windows Autoplay feature is enabled on your computer, the Heavy Metal: FAKK2 Splash screen will automatically appear when you insert the Heavy Metal: FAKK2 Install CD (CD #1) into your CD-ROM Drive. Simply click on Install and follow the on-screen instructions to continue the installation.

If the Autoplay is disabled, you can begin the installation by doing the following:

1. Go to the Start Menu and select Run.
2. Type "D:\Setup.exe" (assuming "D" is your CD-ROM drive letter) and press Enter.
-or-
1. Double click on the My Computer icon.
2. Double click on your CD-ROM drive icon.
3. Double click on "Setup.exe".

*** *I installed the game with my CD-ROM, which is on the D: Drive. Can I now play the game with any other CD-ROM drive on my system?* ***

Only if you selected the Typical install option which copies all the game files to your hard drive.

*** *How can I improve performance in the game?* ***

There are several things that you can try to improve in-game performance:

1. Turn off all unnecessary programs which may be running in the background. Prior to launching the game, press CTRL+ALT+DEL to bring up a window, which lists all the programs that are running at this time. Select all unnecessary programs by clicking on them and then using the "End Task" button on each. In our experience, the only programs

that you will need are "Explorer" and "Systray". PLEASE NOTE: If you are a novice user, please contact TalonSoft Customer Support in this procedure.
2. Perform a Maximum install.
3. Have the most up-to-date DirectX 7 compatible drivers for your CD-ROM, video card, sound card, and input devices installed on your system.
4. Change the Display options in the game which is accessible from the Main Menu. Try using a lower resolution and color depth like 640 x 480, High Color 16-bit. You can also try adjusting the Detail Level to Low or Very Low.
5. Turn down the "Effect Detail" in the Advanced Options.

*** *My screen saver operates slowly while the game is running. What can I do?* ***

Because the game makes heavy use of the system resources, screen savers may hinder game performance. We highly recommend disabling your screen saver when playing the game.

To disable:

1. Right click the desktop and select "Properties".
2. Click the "Screen Saver" tab.
3. Set the Screen saver pull down menu to "None".

*** *When my computer goes into Sleep mode, the game freezes.* ***

Disable the power saver function on your computer to avoid this issue.
To disable sleep mode:

1. Right click on the desktop and select Properties.
2. Click on the Screen Saver tab.
3. Click on the Settings button.
4. Set all of the power saver settings to "None" and then click on apply.

*** *Where do I go for game updates and/or patches?* ***

You may check Gathering of Developers' web page for updates at:

http://fakk2.godgames.com/

If you are uncertain of a game update and/or patch, please E-mail all questions to our internet mailing address at:

support@godgames.com

Please note, this service is provided in English only.

*** *The game is not recognizing the CD but it is in my CD ROM Drive.* ***

1. Make sure that the CD-ROM is running 32 bit CD ROM drivers. You may have older 16-bit CD-ROM drivers which need to be replaced with newer 32 bit drivers. To check, go to the Windows control panel and select SYSTEM, then PERFORMANCE. If it doesn't say "32-bit" next to FILE SYSTEM, you should update your drivers. To do so, contact the manufacturer of your computer or of your CD-ROM.
2. Turn off all background programs just in case there is a conflict. Use CTRL-ALT-DEL keys and End task on all programs except "Explorer" and "Systray". Make sure that the CD can play music.
3. Insert a music CD into your CD ROM drive, and make sure that music can be played with the CD Player (to access the CD Player, just go to Start -> Programs -> Accessories -> Entertainment -> CD Player). If you are not able to play any music then your CD-ROM is not configured properly to play CD music and the game will not work as a result.

*** *When I'm playing the game and I insert an Autoplay enabled CD, Autoplay doesn't run. Why?* ***

This is by design. In order to prevent the operating system from starting another application when you insert an Autoplay CD, Heavy Metal: FAKK2 disables Autoplay while it is running. If you have Autoplay turned on , your system will run Autoplay CD's again when you exit Heavy Metal: FAKK2.

*** *Can I install the game to a compressed hard drive?* ***

We do not recommend installing this program to a compressed drive. Please install to a non-compressed drive and run the program from there.

*** *I have a AMD K6 processor, and I am experiencing problems during installation.* ***

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 is optimized for Intel Processors. The game has not been tested on AMD K6 processors and is not supported by Gathering of Developers Customer Support.
*** *I have a Cyrix 6x86 (or other Cyrix processor), and Heavy Metal: FAKK2 won't run, or performs poorl.y* ***

Heavy Metal: FAKK2 is optimized for Intel Processors. The game has not been tested on Cyrix processors and is not supported by Gathering of Developers Customer Support.

*** *I have a NexGen Pentium compatible processor, and Heavy Metal: FAKK2 won't run, or performs poorly. What do I do?* ***

There are no NexGen Processors that are within the minimum system requirements for this game.

*** *Will a virus checker affect the way* Heavy Metal: FAKK2 *installs?* ***

Due to a large number of files in the game installation, users of Norton AntiVirus® and other virus checking programs may experience extremely long install times if the virus checking program is active when installing the game. If this is the case, then (1) you can scan the CD for viruses (for your peace of mind), then (2) disable your virus checker, then (3) install Heavy Metal: FAKK2, and then (4) re-enable your virus checker.

*** *I have gotten stuck in the game. How can I skip past it?* ***

If you have gotten to a point and are stuck, or a bug is preventing you from getting to the next level, you can skip on to the next level of the game by following this procedure:

1. In the game, go to the Audio / Video -> Advanced menu, and check the Console option.
2. Press "Apply Changes".
3. Press the tilde (~) key to pull down the console.
4. Type in "map <mapname>" where <mapname> is replaced by the name of the level you want to go to.
5. Type in "exec <mapname.cfg>" where <mapname.cfg> is replaced by the name of the level you want to go to.

The levels in Heavy Metal: FAKK2 are as follows:

- fakkhouse - Julie's House
- training - Julie's training area
- homes1 - Eden Homes
- landersroost - Landers Roost
- creeperpens - Creeper Pens
- homes2good - Eden Marketplace
- towncenter_good - Town Center
- under - Eden Underground
- over – Eden Underground 2
- shield - Eden Shield Generator
- home2evil - Eden Market under siege!
- otto - Otto's Shop
- towncenter_evil - Towncenter Attacked!
- cliff1 - Outskirts of Eden

- cliff2 - Eden Cliffside
- swamp1 - Mooagly Swamps
- swamp2 - Deep Mooagly Swamps
- swamp3 - Swamps confrontation
- gruff - Billy Goats Gruff
- cemetery - We Cemetery
- fog - The Wind of Spirit
- water - The water of Purity
- blood - The Sanctity of Blood
- oracleway - The Bridge of reason
- oracle - Tomb of the WE

*** *I've run into some problems with my video display. What should I do?* ***

We suggest that you run GLSetup from the Heavy Metal: FAKK2 CD-ROM. It is recommended that you use the drivers in GLSetup because they have been tested with the game. If you download the latest drivers from a hardware manufacturer it is not guaranteed that they will work correctly.

*** *The sound doesn't appear to be working correctly. What can I do to fix this?* ***

There are many reasons why your sound system may not be performing the way that it should. We suggest that you try the following:

- Make sure that the Windows Driver Sound Settings are set to the correct speaker type. In Windows 98;
    1. Click on Start -> Settings -> Control Panel.
    2. Double click the Multimedia icon.
    3. On the "Audio Tab" in the "Playback" section, click "Advanced Properties".
    4. Make sure that the "Speaker Setup" information is correct.

- If you are using EAX, EAX2 or A3D and it is not working, you can try updating your drivers, or run the game using software mode.

*** *I'm running a Windows NT 4 machine. When I change the color depth in Heavy Metal: FAKK2, the game slows down. What should I do?* ***

You may want to exit and restart Heavy Metal: FAKK2. Sometimes NT4 systems will slow down after switching your color depth, but this goes away after restarting the game.

*** Help! I used to be able to play Heavy Metal: FAKK2, but I changed a feature in the game, and now it won't start. ***

You may want to try running the "Safe Mode" version of the game.

IV. Last Minute Changes to the Game Manual

- You can not turn on monkey bars.

V. Technical Support
If you have a technical problem concerning the operation of our software, please contact our technical support staff. When you call or write, be at your computer if possible and have the following information ready: computer type, available hard drive space, total RAM, type of video card, and a list of options you chose when you installed the game.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
1-410-933-9191,
M-F 9-5pm, EST
TalonSoft, P.O. Box 43730, White Marsh, MD 21236

If you would like to contact us on-line, you will find us at:
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