



WING COMMANDER III 4K VIDEO PACK

Installation Guide

Designed for the 2026 Anniversary edition of Wing Commander III.

Installs 481 restored videos in 4K. The installer backs up your existing files and checks the installation. The uninstaller restores your previous files and removes the pack.

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Installing & removing the pack

Installation

1

Extract the pack

Close the game. Use **Extract All** to unpack the ZIP into a folder of your choice. Do not run the installer from inside the ZIP.

2

Run the installer and choose the game

Double-click **Install_WC3_4K_Video_Pack.bat**. The installer looks for Steam and GOG installations. Select your installation and confirm its location. If it is not listed, browse to the game folder or enter its path.

3

Follow the on-screen instructions

Leave the window open until installation finishes, then launch the game normally. After successful installation, you can choose to remove the extracted installation files.

Memory support for 4K videos

Wing Commander III is a 32-bit game, which limits how much system memory it can use even when your PC has plenty available. This can prevent it from loading large 4K videos reliably, particularly when several clips play in sequence.

The installer automatically patches the game executable to be **Large Address Aware (LAA)**, allowing it to use more memory for reliable 4K playback. The original executable is backed up before patching and restored when you uninstall the pack.

Keep your uninstall files

Keep **.WC3_4K_Video_Pack_Backup** and **WC3_4K_Pack_Uninstaller** inside the game folder containing **WC3W.EXE**, normally **Kilrathi_Saga**. These hold your original files and uninstaller.

Uninstalling

Close the game. Open **WC3_4K_Pack_Uninstaller** in the game folder, double-click **Uninstall_WC3_4K_Video_Pack.bat** and follow the on-screen instructions.

The uninstaller restores and verifies your original files and executable, then removes the installed pack tools, documentation, comparison images and backups. Saved games and unrelated files are preserved. Older packs may leave recovery backups; follow any instructions shown.

Keep the downloaded ZIP to install again later. If you delete both the ZIP and the extracted installation files, you will need to download the pack again. An extracted pack you choose to keep is left untouched by the uninstaller.

If installation is interrupted

Run the uninstaller to restore your previous files before trying again. If the installed uninstaller is unavailable, run the one in the extracted pack and select your game. Keep the backup folder until restoration has completed.

Requirements & troubleshooting

Requirements

Use the 2026 Anniversary edition of Wing Commander III on 64-bit Windows 10 or Windows 11. Your system must be capable of playing **4K AV1 video** smoothly.

Storage

The 4K videos occupy approximately **9 GB**. After extracting the pack, allow at least **20 GB of free space** for installation, including copies of the new videos and backups of your original files. Allow separate space for the downloaded ZIP if you keep it on the same drive.

Choosing to remove the extracted installation files after success frees around **9 GB**. Keeping them requires that additional space. Your original-file backups remain until you uninstall the pack.

Troubleshooting

Windows blocks the installer

Right-click the installer, choose Properties and select Unblock if offered. Apply the change and try again.

Game installation was not found

Choose Browse and select the game folder or its Kilrathi_Saga subfolder. You can also enter or paste the folder path. The installer checks whether the selected installation is supported.

Installer appears to pause

Large videos take time to verify, back up and copy. Leave the window open and allow the process to finish.

A previous backup folder already exists

Uninstall the existing pack before installing again. Do not delete the backup folder to bypass this message.

Playback stutters during motion

Your system may not be capable of supporting smooth 4K AV1 video playback.

Temporary files could not be removed

The pack is installed, but some extracted files remain in use. Close programs using those files, then remove the remaining extracted installation files manually. Keep the game backup and uninstaller folders.

Game does not start after installation

Run the uninstaller to restore your previous files. Check that the original game works normally before reinstalling the pack.

Credits, licence & legal notices

4K video restoration / ODVS video pack

ODVS

Wing Commander III Enhancement Patch

Matt Wells (mattwells77), for the Enhancement Patch and the Restored Scenes compatibility file included with this pack. The included Enhancement Patch has been modified for correct display scaling.

[Wing Commander III Enhancement Patch - upstream project](#)

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