PRIVATEER 2
4K VIDEO PACK

General pack - Installation Guide

Designed for the 2026 30th Anniversary edition of Privateer 2.

Installs 123 restored videos in 4K. The installer backs up your existing files and verifies 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_P2_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.

Display support for 4K videos

The installer adjusts the game's Windows display compatibility setting so Windows scaling does not limit the video resolution. Your previous setting is saved and restored when you uninstall the pack.

> **Keep your uninstall files**
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> The installer keeps your originals in **.P2_4K_Video_Pack_Backup** and places the uninstaller in **P2_4K_Pack_Uninstaller**, both inside the game's **Windows** folder. Keep these folders in place while the pack is installed.

Uninstalling

Close the game. In its **Windows** folder, open **P2_4K_Pack_Uninstaller**, double-click **Uninstall_P2_4K_Video_Pack.bat** and follow the on-screen instructions.

The uninstaller restores and verifies your previous files and Windows display setting, then removes the installed pack's scripts, documentation, comparison images and backups. Your saved games and unrelated files are preserved.

Install and uninstall using the same Windows account.

Keep the downloaded ZIP if you want 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 a compatible installation of the 2026 30th Anniversary edition of Privateer 2 on 64-bit Windows 10 or Windows 11. This pack is for the standard remastered videos, not the director's cut. Your system must be capable of playing **4K AV1 video** smoothly.

Storage

Allow roughly **22 GB of free space before extraction**, plus space for the downloaded ZIP if you keep it on the same drive. The installer checks available space before proceeding.

The installed pack occupies approximately **7.41 GB**, with additional space needed for backups of your original files. Choosing to remove the extracted installation files after success frees around **7.41 GB**. Keeping them requires that additional space. 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 Windows 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.

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's backup and uninstaller folders.

Uninstall reports a changed or locked file
Close the game and any program using its files, then try again. If another mod has changed a file, keep a copy of that file somewhere safe before resolving the conflict. Do not delete the backup folder.

Credits, licence & legal notices

4K video restoration / ODVS video pack

ODVS

Privateer 2 Enhancement Patch

Matt Wells (mattwells77), for the Privateer 2 Enhancement Patch.

The enhancement patch is included with the anniversary edition of the game.

AV1 decoding component

AV1 playback uses the VLC dav1d plugin, with thanks to VideoLAN and the dav1d contributors.

The VLC dav1d module identifies its licence as the **GNU Lesser General Public License, version 2.1 or later**. The underlying dav1d decoder uses the **BSD 2-Clause licence**. These are separate notices; the BSD notice alone does not describe the entire VLC plugin.

> **Licence files included with the release**
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> `licences\VLC-LGPL-2.1.txt`
> `licences\dav1d-BSD-2-Clause.txt`
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> See also THIRD_PARTY_NOTICES.txt. Keep the accompanying notices with redistributed copies of the decoder.

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Third-party component notice

The release includes the unmodified VLC 3.0.21 32-bit dav1d plugin. The VLC module and decoder library carry distinct licensing terms. The full LGPL text accompanies the pack; the dav1d redistribution notice is reproduced below.

VLC dav1d module - LGPL 2.1 or later

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Source and project information

VLC 3.0.21 distributions and source

VLC dav1d module source

dav1d 1.4.2 source

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