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Introduction

Total War: Shogun 2 is a turn-based strategy and real-time tactics video game developed by Creative Assembly and published by SEGA. Set in 16th-century feudal Japan, the game allows players to assume the role of a Daimyo, a feudal clan leader, with the ultimate goal of unifying Japan under their command and becoming the Shogun. This manual provides essential information for installation, gameplay, and troubleshooting to enhance your experience with the Limited Edition of the game.

System Requirements

To ensure optimal performance, please verify your computer meets the minimum and recommended system specifications for Total War: Shogun 2. The game is designed for PC platforms running Windows Vista, Windows XP, or Windows 7. Specific hardware requirements (processor, RAM, graphics card, storage) are typically detailed on the game packaging or digital storefront page.

Setup and Installation

1. **Insert Disc:** Insert the Total War: Shogun 2 game disc into your computer's DVD-ROM drive.
2. **Auto-run:** If the auto-run feature is enabled, the installation wizard should start automatically. If not, navigate to your DVD-ROM drive in 'My Computer' or 'This PC' and double-click the setup file (e.g., *setup.exe*).
3. **Follow On-Screen Prompts:** Follow the instructions provided by the installation wizard. You will be prompted to accept the End User License Agreement (EULA), choose an installation directory, and select components to install.
4. **Product Key Activation:** During installation, you will be required to enter your unique product key. This key is

typically found on a sticker inside the game case or on a card. An internet connection is required for product key verification and activation via the Steam platform.

5. **Steam Download:** Even with physical discs, a significant download via Steam may be required to complete the installation and apply necessary updates. Ensure you have a stable internet connection and sufficient disk space.
6. **Complete Installation:** Once the installation and any required downloads are finished, you can launch the game from your desktop shortcut or the Steam library.

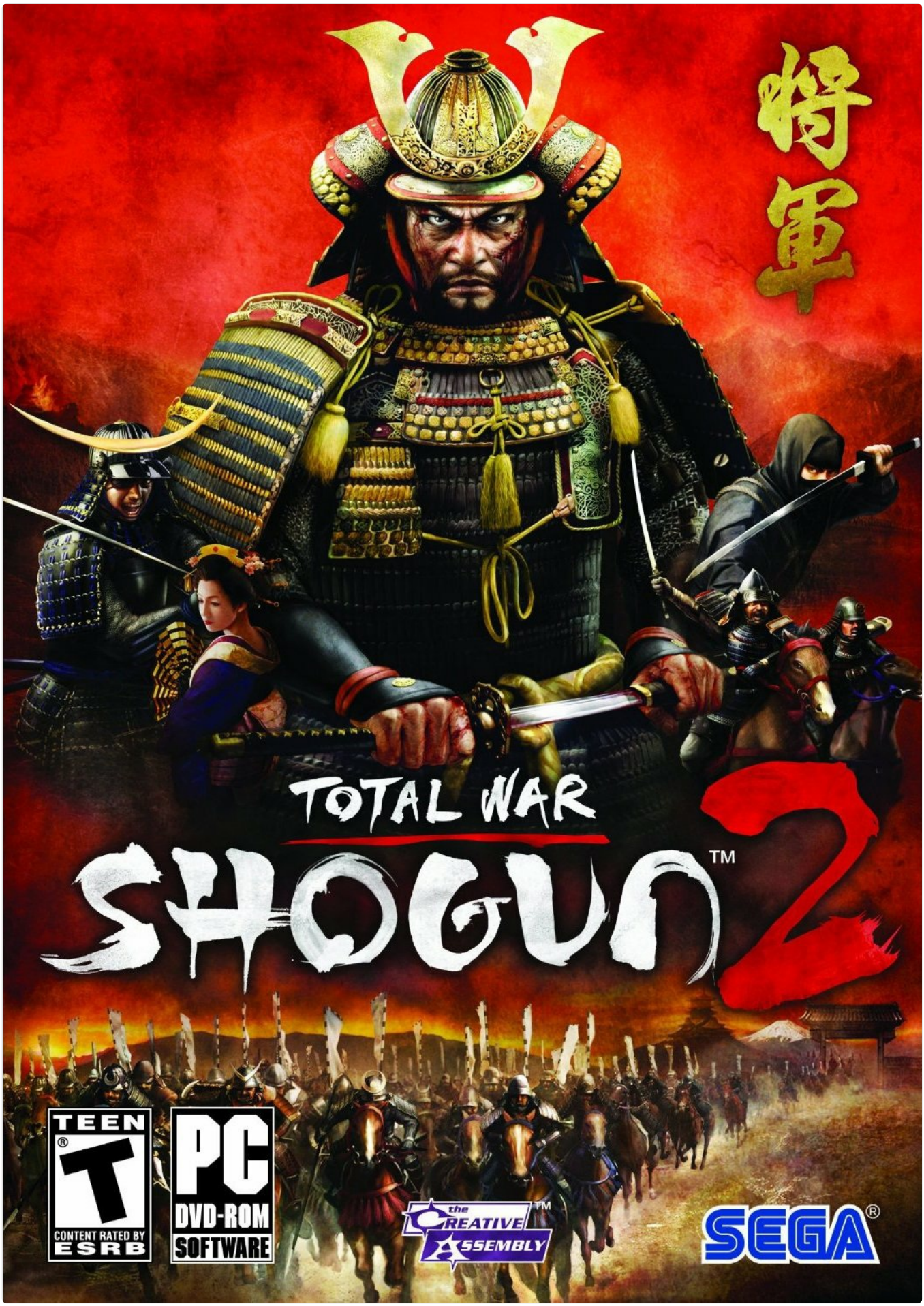


Figure 1: Total War: Shogun 2 PC Limited Edition game box art, showing a samurai warrior and game title.

Gameplay Overview

Total War: Shogun 2 combines turn-based grand strategy on a campaign map with real-time tactical battles. Players manage their clan's economy, diplomacy, military, and agents to achieve dominance over feudal Japan.

Campaign Map

The campaign map is where you manage your provinces, construct buildings, recruit units, conduct research, and engage in diplomacy. Each turn represents a season, and strategic decisions made here directly impact your clan's growth and military strength.

- **Province Management:** Oversee taxation, public order, and construction in your territories.
- **Diplomacy:** Form alliances, declare war, negotiate trade agreements, and manage relations with other clans.
- **Agent Actions:** Utilize specialized agents like Ninjas, Monks, and Metsuke for espionage, sabotage, conversion, and counter-intelligence.

Real-time Battles

When armies clash on the campaign map, the game transitions to a 3D real-time battle environment. Players command thousands of units, including samurai, ashigaru, cavalry, and archers, across diverse terrains and weather conditions.

- **Unit Types:** Understand the strengths and weaknesses of various units to deploy them effectively.
- **Tactical Positioning:** Use terrain, formations, and unit abilities to gain an advantage.
- **Morale System:** Units have morale, which can be influenced by battle conditions, general presence, and flanking maneuvers. Breaking enemy morale is key to victory.
- **Siege Battles:** Engage in multi-staged castle sieges, where infantry can scale walls and strategic use of fire can dislodge defenders.
- **Naval Battles:** Command fleets in coastal battles, utilizing islands for cover and sandbars as traps.

Character Progression

Your Daimyo, generals, and agents gain experience and level up, allowing you to customize their skills and traits through a skill tree. This progression enhances their effectiveness on the battlefield and in strategic actions.

Multiplayer

Total War: Shogun 2 offers both competitive and cooperative multiplayer modes. You can play the main campaign with a friend or engage in 8-player battles with your own upgradable avatar, climbing online leaderboards.



Figure 2: An in-game screenshot from Total War: Shogun 2, depicting a large-scale battle with multiple units engaged.

Limited Edition Exclusive Content

The Limited Edition of Total War: Shogun 2 provides exclusive in-game content for both single-player and multiplayer modes:

- **Exclusive Hattori Clan:** Gain access to the Hattori clan, masters of ninjutsu, featuring powerful battlefield ninja units.
- **Extra Historical Scenario - The Battle of Nagashino:**Play through the historical Battle of Nagashino (1575), where the Oda and Tokugawa clans clashed with the Takeda clan.
- **Special Avatar Armor:** Equip a unique armor set for your General's avatar, which includes the "Bad Omen" retainer, affecting enemy ashigaru morale.
- **Avatar XP Bank:** Start your General's avatar at a higher level with an instant upgrade point for skills or traits.

Operating the Game

After successful installation, launch Total War: Shogun 2 from your Steam library or desktop shortcut. The game will present a main menu with options to start a new campaign, load a saved game, access multiplayer, adjust settings, or view encyclopedic information.

- **Controls:** The game primarily uses mouse and keyboard for navigation and command. Detailed control schemes can be found within the in-game options menu.
- **Tutorials:** New players are encouraged to complete the in-game tutorials, which gradually introduce the mechanics of the campaign map and real-time battles.
- **Saving Progress:** Regularly save your game progress, especially before major battles or strategic decisions.

Maintenance

To ensure a smooth gaming experience, consider the following maintenance tips:

- **Software Updates:** Keep your operating system and graphics drivers updated to the latest versions.
- **Game Updates:** Total War: Shogun 2 will automatically update via Steam. Ensure your Steam client is online to receive these updates.
- **Disk Space:** Ensure sufficient free disk space for game updates and saved games.
- **System Performance:** Close unnecessary background applications to free up system resources while playing.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues while playing Total War: Shogun 2, consider the following common solutions:

- **Game Not Launching:**
  - Verify game files through Steam: Right-click the game in your Steam library, go to Properties > Local Files > Verify integrity of game files.
  - Ensure your system meets the minimum requirements.
  - Update graphics drivers.
  - Run the game as administrator.
- **Performance Issues (Slowdown, Low FPS):**
  - Lower in-game graphics settings (resolution, texture quality, unit detail).
  - Ensure your graphics drivers are up to date.
  - Close background applications.
- **Product Key Issues:**
  - Double-check the product key for correct entry.
  - Ensure you are connected to the internet for activation.
  - Contact SEGA or Steam Support if the key is consistently rejected.
- **Multiplayer Connectivity:**
  - Check your internet connection.
  - Ensure firewall settings are not blocking the game or Steam.
  - Verify game files.

For further assistance, refer to the official SEGA support website or the Steam community forums for Total War: Shogun 2.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Title	Total War: Shogun 2 PC Limited Edition
Brand	SEGA
Platform	PC (Windows Vista, Windows XP, Windows 7)
Release Date	March 15, 2011
ASIN	B004CZZZXQ
Item Weight	4 ounces
Product Dimensions	7.48 x 0.59 x 6.5 inches
Rated	Teen

Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your game purchase or visit the official SEGA support website. Technical support for installation, activation, and in-game issues can be obtained through SEGA's customer support channels or the Steam support platform.

SEGA Support: www.sega.com/support

Steam Support: help.steampowered.com

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