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Manual

Epilepsy Warning

Some people may experience photosensitive epileptic seizures or a loss of consciousness when viewing certain visual stimuli, such as flashing lights or patterns, in everyday life. Such individuals are at risk of experiencing seizures while watching television or playing video games. This can happen even to individuals with no history of related health conditions or signs of epilepsy.

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If any such symptoms occur, STOP PLAYING IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE. Parents and guardians should keep children in sight and ask them if they have ever experienced one or more of the above symptoms.

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Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing **TransRoad: USA**. In this manual, you will find useful tips that will allow you to enjoy the best gaming experience without problems. The Deck 13 Hamburg and astragon teams hope you have fun playing!

System Requirements

PC minimal

- Windows 7, 8.1, 10 (64 Bit)
- Processor: Intel Core i5-3570K 3.4 GHz or similar
- RAM: 8 GB
- Graphic card: GeForce GTX 760 or similar
- DirectX 10
- Free hard drive space: 8 GB
- Internet connection and Steam account

PC recommended

- Windows 7, 8.1, 10 (64 Bit)
- Processor: Intel Core i5-7600 3.5 GHz or similar
- RAM: 12 GB
- Graphic card: GeForce GTX 970 or similar
- DirectX 10
- Free hard drive space: 8 GB
- Internet connection and Steam account

Installation, Start, Uninstallation

NOTE: The product is subject to your acceptance of the terms and conditions of STEAM® subscriptions („Steam Subscriber Agreement, SSA“). The product must be activated over the internet by registering a STEAM® account and accepting the SSA.

Further Requirements and Help

The installation requires a one-time internet connection for the authentication as well as the STEAM® client (included with the game).

Installation Windows PC

Please ensure that your computer is connected to the internet before starting the TransRoad: USA installation process. Insert the TransRoad: USA disc into your computer's disc drive. During the installation process, a one-time online check will be carried out to verify the disc. An activation file will then download, which will require a product code.

You will find the code on the back of this manual.

Please be advised that this code is not a STEAM® code. To receive your STEAM® code, insert the advised game disc into your disc drive. After a few seconds a window will pop up on your screen. Should auto-



start be deactivated, double click **My Computer** on your Windows desktop, then double click on the **symbol of your disc drive** and in its windows on the symbol of the **“redeem.exe”** file. Follow the instructions there to receive your STEAM® code.

After you have received your STEAM®-Code, you can copy it into your clipboard. Click on **“install game”** and follow the instructions on screen to install **TransRoad: USA**.

The installation and activation of the game, as well as downloading of updates might require the disc to be in your disc drive.

Should you encounter a problem with unlocking your code, please visit the following website: <http://copyprotection.astragon.com>

Starting the Game

Following successful installation, launch the program by selecting **Start/All Programs/Steam/TransRoad: USA** in the Windows Start menu or via the corresponding icon on the desktop.

If you encounter security messages when launching the autostart menu on Windows 7, Windows 8 or Windows 10, please note that it is safe to run the „**setup.exe**“ or „**redeem.exe**“ program.

Uninstallation

Select **Start/Settings/Control Panel/Software** and choose the „**TransRoad: USA**“ entry. Then click on the **Add/Remove** button. The program itself, as well as files and game data, will then be uninstalled.

Introduction

In this exciting new management simulation game by Deck13 Hamburg you will start out as the owner of a small logistics company and cleverly employ all of your managerial skills to lead your business to success.

The main menu

Via the main menu you can enter the various submenus of the game.

Options

Under „**Options**“ you can set various game, graphical, or audio settings.

New Game

Here you can start a new game.

Load Game

Continue your saved game.

Quit

Return to the desktop.

Campaign

Experience the story about you and your partner Billy Bowman.

Quest Mode

Fulfill quests that guide and challenge you.

Sandbox Mode

Play freely and customize your game balancing.

In Game

HQ placement

Select a city to place your headquarters. You will get more detailed information on the resident clients before committing to a city.

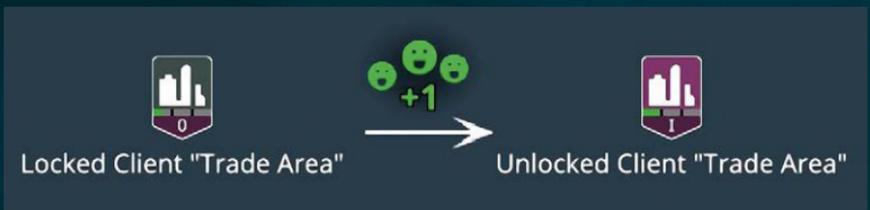
The resident clients determine what contracts will be available to you from the start. Compare cities and see which one provides you with the most clients that use your chosen trailer.

The local Trade Area will always offer contracts to you without preconditions, if you choose that city. If you picked the Reefer trailer concession, the local farm (if applicable) will do that as well. You need to unlock other clients to get contracts from them.



Contracts

A contract has a start and end client. You can only accept a contract if you have unlocked the start client. To unlock a client, collect reputation by completing contracts for which they themselves are the end client.



The contract list is subdivided into the different trailer types. Remember that not every client has output freight for every trailer! A recycling client for example only has contracts for Dump trailers.

The transported freight is directly linked to the amount of payment you get. The higher valued a freight is, the higher the payment. The trailer type also influences the payment, with Dry Van being the lowest and Car the highest.

A contract's size is determined by the amount of trips you have to make with your trucks. Per trip, you get a specified payment upon arrival.

If you deliver the whole contract on time, you get a completion bonus as well, which can be very high. And you get reputation at both the start and the end client. The amount of reputation is displayed at the tooltip's top.

If you can't meet the deadline, you will get reduced payments for all late trips. You won't get the completion bonus. You won't get any reputation, but will lose reputation for each day delayed.

Eventually, the contract will be cancelled by the client if you are much too late. A penalty fee will be deducted if this happens. So, stay aware!

A contract's tooltip shows the duration of a single trip and the loading/unloading duration, and thus how many trucks are needed, depending on the rig's speed. You can always use more trucks to be on the safe side.

Accept a contract by dragging it into a schedule.

Tip: To unlock a client, click on this client and switch the contract list to "Show contracts: HERE". This way, you will see all contracts that lead to this client and so make increasing your reputation with this particular company easier.

Schedules

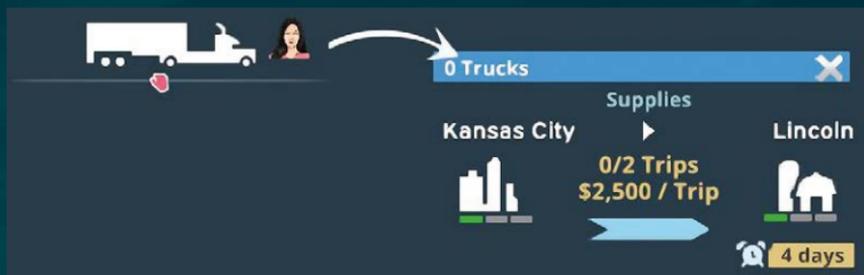
Drag contracts into a schedule to accept and fulfill them. A schedule will open automatically when you hover over it while you drag a contract. Sign the schedule by clicking on the checkmark. Once signed, the deadline will count down and you are obliged to fulfill it.



If you drag more contracts into a schedule, they will be executed step-by-step: one trip of the first, then one trip of the second, and so on. Empty trips between them and back to the start can happen. They don't earn you any money, so try to avoid empty trips!

A schedule needs to have identical trailer types. You can't drag a Reefer contract into a Dry Van schedule, for example. And you can't assign Reefer trucks to a Dry Van contract.

To assign a truck to a contract, drag a complete rig (truck + trailer + driver) from the truck fleet panel onto a contract. The truck fleet panel can be opened on the very top-left. Just as with contracts, a schedule will open automatically when you hover over it while you drag a truck.



Each truck will drive by itself from contract to contract. If there is no more freight to be delivered, it will skip the next contract. Eventually, it will return to the nearest depot and wait for new orders.

You can always check how many trucks currently execute one contract by looking at the truck amount just above the contract in a schedule. Click on a contract to get a detailed list of all trucks that are currently assigned to this contract.

To delete a contract from a schedule, cancel it by clicking on the X button in the top-right of a contract. It will go into the trash bin strip, where multiple contracts can be cancelled at once. You have to confirm the cancellation by clicking on the checkmark. A penalty fee will be due immediately!

Advanced: To re-arrange contracts in a schedule, drag them to their new position and confirm the changes by clicking the checkmark.

Advanced: To drag a contract from one schedule into another schedule, start the switch mode by clicking on the double diamond-shaped button. It will open a second schedule strip that you can use to switch contracts around. Confirm the changes by clicking on the checkmark.

Advanced: If you want to re-assign a truck from one contract to another immediately, first click on the contract the truck is currently assigned to. The contract's truck list will open on the left. From there, drag the truck to the new contract as usual.

Cities

Click on a city to get info about it. In the top section, you can launch marketing campaigns once you have unlocked marketing. Marketing campaigns grant reputation multipliers in the marketed cities.

To unlock marketing, you need to level up to Rank 2 and upgrade your headquarters to level 2. You can do this by clicking on your HQ on the map and then use the upgrade button in the lower-right.

In the beginning, you only know your local clients. Visit other cities and clients to meet and discover them! You visit a city when a truck driver unloads their first freight there.

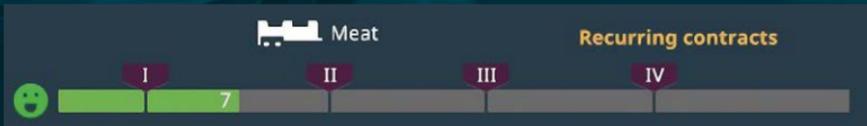


Clients

Collect reputation by fulfilling contracts on time. Once you collect enough for Level I, you unlock the client and get the first contracts from them.

Click on a client to get information about them. The top section shows the client's reputation bar: Inside the bar, your reputation points are displayed, and below are the client's unlock levels and how much reputation these levels need.

All clients have four levels. The higher the level, the more valuable freights get unlocked, the bigger the contracts get, and the farther away the contracts can lead you.



At the maximum level, you unlock recurring contracts of that client. Recurring contracts last forever and require a weekly quota to be fulfilled. You will only lose recurring contracts when the client's level drops.

If you deliver contracts late to or from a client, you will lose reputation with each day late. This can lead to a level decrease! This delay is indicated by a clock icon on the client marker on the map.

Below the reputation bar, you can see the client's input and output. Input freights are all freights that can unlock this client because they lead you here. Output freights are all freights you will be able to deliver from here after unlocking the client. Keep in mind that each input or output freight can require a different trailer!

The Trade Area and the Farm (if applicable) in your HQ city are already unlocked. All other clients have one or more establishments.

Driving contracts for Barns Groceries for example will only bring you reputation at Barns Groceries – not at other Food Factories.

Trucks

A truck's most important characteristic is its axles: Whether a truck can pull a trailer depends on the axle weight. If the weight is too big, the truck can only drive at lower speed. And some trailers can't be pulled by 2-axle trucks at all.

The horsepower determines speed uphill, since the maximum allowed speed of 55 mph can be achieved by every truck.

The fuel economy shows how many miles per gallon it can go (or how many liters it consumes per 100 km).

Fixed costs include car wash, insurance, taxes and supplies. Fixed costs are higher for trucks with more axles.

Clicking on a truck opens the truck info panel. Here you can switch to the truck camera mode to follow it, and look at all truck stats.



The first page shows you the truck's maintenance status. After a certain amount of miles driven, you should send the truck for maintenance. The older the truck is, the more often this is necessary.

Maintenance can be executed in every truck shop. Drag a truck from the map or from a truck list onto a truck shop on the map to send it there for maintenance. If the truck has freight loaded, it will first deliver it and then go to maintenance.

If you don't send it to maintenance when it's due, the truck can have a breakdown. Repairing a breakdown is much more expensive and takes longer than regular maintenance, and the truck will drive very slowly to the next truck shop.

On the other three pages, you can look into financial stats, technical stats and trivia stats about the truck.

Trailers

Within one trailer type, trailers are interchangeable. They all cost the same, have the same fixed costs and can transport the same amount of freight.

In the beginning, you only have the chosen start trailer concession. You are not allowed to accept any other contracts. Buy more concessions in your headquarters to get access to them!

Advanced: A trailer's price is determined by the current transport price levels: For example, if Dry Van contracts are booming, Dry Van trailers have a higher price when purchasing or selling!



Dry Van



Reefer



Dump



Flatbed



Livestock



Tank



Car

Truck Shop

You need to buy trucks from the various truck shops all around the country.

In a truck shop, you can buy trucks and trailers. Once bought, you need to send them to a depot with free slots. These free depot slots determine your fleet maximum which you can see in the top-center HUD: You can't buy more trucks and trailers than your fleet maximum.

A truck is nothing without a proper trailer to carry the freight! You can buy trailers from the same or any other truck shop by selecting the trailer button. There you can buy trailers of all types.

After buying new vehicles, they will drive to the selected depot. Open the fleet manager in order to assign a driver.



Truck fleet

The truck fleet panel shows you all your trucks, only busy trucks or only idle trucks. Busy trucks are assigned to a contract.

To assign a truck to a contract, drag it from here onto a contract. An idle truck will start directly. Of course, you can't assign Reefer trucks for example to a Dry Van

contract. A busy truck will finish its current trip if it has freight loaded, and then work on the new contract.

Idle trucks are waiting in one of your depots or are just returning there. The latter have a little moving tire icon next to them.

Thus, the idle list also shows you all of your depots, if you have multiple depots. To manage the whole fleet and all depots, open the fleet manager.

For all or busy trucks, you can select a few sorting options. Depending on the sorting option, you will get details about the trucks' stats.

To send a truck to maintenance, drag it from here onto a truck shop marker on the map. Zoom out first if you cannot see the destination.

Trucks that currently have a breakdown or are in maintenance cannot be dragged and are black.

Advanced: To transfer a single trailer, single truck or whole rig from one depot to another depot, drag it from here onto the destination depot marker on the map. You can increase the amount of slots in each depot. Doing so will increase your fleet maximum, and you can buy more trucks – before buying a whole new depot!



Headquarters

Click on your headquarters to get info about it. Enter your HQ by clicking on the top button. You can also enter it via the HUD button on the top-left.



Headquarters

ENTER HQ

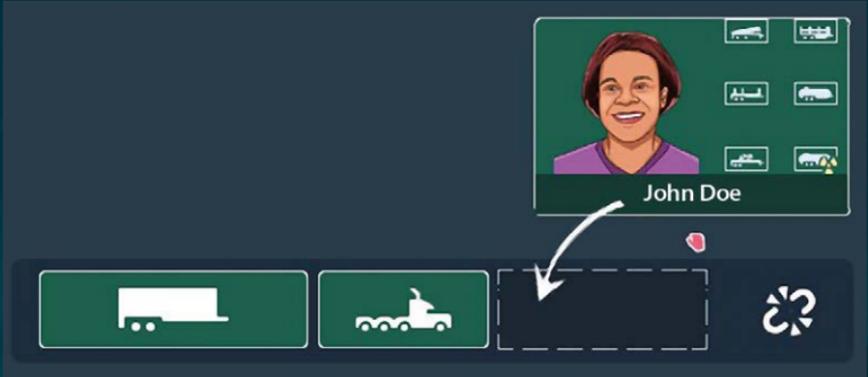


You can upgrade your HQ if you meet the rank requirements.

The company value consists of your bank account, your fleet value and your depot value. It determines your place in the rating list among other trucking companies, and it impacts how high your overdraft loan is.

At the bottom, you have an overview of your weekly fixed costs. They are deducted automatically.

Depots



The fleet manager shows you all your busy trucks and all your idle trucks organized in your depots.

Once you meet the rank requirements, you can even upgrade a depot to a maintenance depot. This allows you to do maintenance in your depots, which is cheaper than in truck shops.

A fully functional rig needs a truck, a trailer that can be pulled by this truck, and a driver. Open your idle staff list by clicking the driver cap button in the top-right. Assign a driver by dragging them onto the driver slot next to the truck. A driver should have the correct license for this trailer. Otherwise, penalty fees may arise if the truck is caught during license control.

Marketing

If you want to speed things up, use marketing campaigns! Click on a city to start a marketing campaign there.



Marketing campaigns can be launched for individual cities. The further down the list, the more effective a marketing campaign product is. Unlock new products in the HQ menu via "Upgrade Marketing".

Pick a campaign and drag it into the bottom panel, just like you would a contract.

Marketing campaigns give you a reputation multiplier for contracts on time, while a malus multiplier for being late is active as well. Launch a campaign in the city of a client you want to unlock faster!

Select the duration with the bottom slider. The longer the campaign the cheaper each week gets. And finally launch the campaign in the top-right of the panel. The total costs will be deducted immediately.

Currently active marketing campaigns can be seen in the city info panel.

Rank

Leveling up one rank requires various milestones. Once all requirements are met, the level up happens automatically.

Level up ranks to unlock more trailer concessions, depots and other special features.

Concessions

Trailer concessions allow you to use trailers legally, and to receive contracts of the respective trailer type.



You can buy and use trailers without a concession, but if a truck gets caught by the police, severe penalty fees will occur. If you repeat this illegal behavior, the trailer concession will even be revoked!

Select a trailer concession to learn more about it: What its characteristics are and what clients provide freight for this trailer, telling you where you can get contracts for this trailer.

The further down the list a trailer concession is, the higher its contract payments are. Buy more concessions by collecting money and leveling up ranks!

All trailers except Dry Van and Reefer need driver licenses to be used legally. You can assign drivers without the respective license to a truck, but if they get caught by the police, penalty fees will occur.

Loans

There are two types of loan: An overdraft loan, which you always have, and term-based loans which you can actively take out.

Both loan amounts are determined through your company value: It consists of your bank account, your fleet value and your depot value.

An overdraft loan means that you can go into the red up to a certain amount. Beware that interest will be due at the end of the month if you go into the red!

If you exceed the overdraft loan limit for 15 consecutive days, it will be game over!

If you are in the red: Make money quickly! Sell trucks or trailers, finish lucrative contracts, or take out a term-based loan.

Tip: You should check your income and expenses. You might have hired too many expensive drivers that you actually don't need, or have too many trucks that are under-worked. If you have expensive 4-axle trucks, you shouldn't use them for low-price Dry Van contracts, for example.

A term-based loan grants you money immediately. The longer the loan's duration, the lower the monthly rates. Additionally, you can pay it off any time to save interest.

Drivers

In your HQ, you can hire new drivers or fire existing ones.

Drivers can have multiple licenses and have higher salary expectations the more licenses they have. Licenses are needed for all trailers except Dry Van and Reefer. Licenses can't be bought for drivers retrospectively; they only have the licenses they applied with.

New applications come in about three times a month. The more reputation you have all over the country, the more applications you will receive.

To assign drivers to trucks, open the fleet manager and drag the driver into the desired slot.

Upgrade marketing

You can upgrade your marketing department. This means that you can unlock more valuable, powerful campaign products. To unlock you need reputation all over the country, and money.

The more campaign products you unlock, the more fixed costs will add up. Be sure to use campaigns frequently to put those costs to good use!

Competitors

When starting a game, you can choose if you want to play with competitors. They don't threaten you. But there is a Top 10 Rating List in the HUD at the top that shows you your performance compared to all competitors.

You can contact competing trucking companies to try to take them over.

They will send you their company details, and then you have to decide how much money you want to offer them for a takeover deal.

Remember that you can undercut your competitor's company value! Depending on the current transport price levels, the competitor's company might not be worth that much.

Once the deal is accepted, you will get all their trucks, trailers, depots, and all the drivers that want to be re-employed by you.

Transport price levels

You can take a look at the transport price levels of all trailer types. The higher a curve is, the higher the contract payments are.

The more freight you deliver with a trailer, the more the transport price levels will drop. After all, you keep driving freight for the clients, so why should they pay more? Vice versa, the more you neglect a trailer, the higher the curve will go, because clients have to make those freights more attractive.

If an economic boom or crisis occurs, the respective curve will change even more drastically. Such events can last for up to two months, so you really should consider switching from this trailer to another.

Lastly, trailer prices are determined by the current transport price levels: If, for example, Dry Van contracts are having a boom, Dry Van trailers have a higher price when purchasing or selling!

Keyboard Commands

Left click	select/confirm
Space bar	Pause game
1/2/3-Key	Adjust game speed
w/a/s/d	move camera
q/e	rotate camera

In the „follow truck“ mode:

Mouse wheel	Zoom
Hold right click	rotate
TAB	HUD on/off
ESC	Abort „follow truck“ mode

Support

Do you need help with TransRoad: USA or are you looking for news? Visit our STEAM® forum:

<http://steamcommunity.com/app/494670/discussions/>

Before contacting our support team, first check and, if available, update the drivers on your PC. Many graphics and sound problems can be resolved by simply updating the drivers. If you have any questions about this product which have not been covered in the manual, you can contact the astragon Entertainment support team as follows:

Phone: 0180 7004709 (The first 30 seconds are free, then € 0.14/minute from a German landline, max. € 0.42/minute from a mobile network.)

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