

DEADLOCK MOD MANAGER

Quick Guide: Setup, Safety, Profiles & Troubleshooting

What it is

Deadlock Mod Manager is a community-made, open-source tool that helps you browse, install, enable, disable, update, and remove Deadlock mods from one place. It is not an official Valve application.

Quick Setup Checklist

- Download from the official project site or its official GitHub releases page.
- Let the manager detect Deadlock automatically. If it fails, select the game folder manually in Settings.
- Start with the Stable channel unless you specifically need a Nightly fix or feature.
- Install one mod at a time when testing a new setup. It makes conflicts much easier to diagnose.
- Keep a vanilla option available so you can confirm whether a problem comes from the game or from a mod.

Typical Workflow

1	Browse	Find a mod and read its description and compatibility notes.
2	Install	Use the manager to place compatible files in the correct location.
3	Manage	Enable, disable, update, remove, or organize mods into profiles.
4	Launch	Start the game with your selected mods - or launch vanilla for testing.

Best habit: read the mod page before installing. A file can still be outdated or conflict with another mod even if the manager can download it.

MOD SAFETY: WHAT TO CHECK FIRST

A mod manager organizes files. It does not make every community file trustworthy or officially approved.

Use This Pre-Install Checklist

Check	What to look for
Source	Use the official manager site for the app itself. For mods, prefer established community pages with clear authorship and update history.
Compatibility	Check whether the mod mentions the current Deadlock build or a recent update date.
File type	Be cautious if a simple cosmetic mod asks you to run an unrelated executable or script.
Purpose	Cosmetic and UI changes are fundamentally different from tools that promise hidden information, automation, or an unfair gameplay advantage.
Backup	Keep copies of custom/local mods that would be difficult to replace.

Avoid “bypass” tools

Do not treat anti-cheat bypasses, aim assistance, automation, wall information, or other competitive advantages as ordinary mods. They can put your account and your computer at risk.

Profiles Are Worth Using

- Vanilla-ish: only minor cosmetic or UI changes.
- Main setup: the mods you use regularly.
- Testing: new or experimental mods kept away from your main setup.
- Friends: a shared configuration for a group.

Profiles make troubleshooting faster because you can switch between known-good and experimental setups instead of rebuilding your entire mod list.

WHEN MODS STOP WORKING

Deadlock is still actively changing, so a game update can break a mod even when the manager itself is fine.

Troubleshooting Order

- 1** Update Deadlock
Let Steam finish the game update before testing mods.
- 2** Update the manager
Install the latest stable manager build if one is available.
- 3** Check the mod
Look for a newer mod version or compatibility note.
- 4** Disable the suspect mod
Launch the game without it.
- 5** Test vanilla
If vanilla works, the problem is probably in the mod stack rather than the base game.
- 6** Re-enable one by one
Turn mods back on individually until the issue returns.
- 7** Restore or reinstall
Use a clean copy or backup only after you identify the likely cause.

Do not change five things at once. One-at-a-time testing is slower for a minute and much faster overall because it reveals the actual conflict.

QUICK REFERENCE

Keep this page handy when you are installing or fixing a mod setup.

Good Defaults

- Use Stable builds for everyday use.
- Use Nightly only when needed for a specific fix or feature.
- Keep experimental mods in their own profile.
- Use vanilla launch for troubleshooting.
- Update mods after major game patches.
- Back up custom/local files.
- Never assume third-party content is officially approved by Valve.

Common Problem -> First Thing to Try

Deadlock not detected	Set the game folder manually in Settings.
Mod installs but does nothing	Check compatibility, then confirm it is enabled.
Game breaks after adding mods	Disable all mods, test vanilla, then re-enable one at a time.
Downloads fail	Retry, then check firewall/network issues and project status.
Several setups are getting messy	Create separate profiles instead of constantly replacing files.

Useful Official / Project Links

[Deadlock Mod Manager - deadlockmods.com](https://deadlockmods.com)

[Deadlock Mod Manager Documentation - docs.deadlockmods.app](https://docs.deadlockmods.app)

[Deadlock on Steam](#)

Remember

The manager makes mod handling easier, but mod compatibility can change whenever Deadlock updates. Keep your setup simple, test changes one at a time, and use vanilla launch whenever you need to separate a game problem from a mod problem.

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