

## OpenTTD on Steam Now Bundled with Transport Tycoon Deluxe for \$10: Team Explains the Decision

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The OpenTTD team has clarified the situation around changes on Steam and GOG: since mid-March 2026, the free game is no longer available as a standalone product on those platforms. New players must purchase a bundle with Transport Tycoon Deluxe for \$10. According to developers, Atari applied no pressure to bring this about.



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The situation is a nuanced one. OpenTTD is a free, open-source game that can be downloaded from the official website without any conditions. But on Steam and GOG, since mid-March, it is only available bundled with Atari's Transport Tycoon Deluxe, priced at \$10. The community reacted strongly — prompting



the project team to issue a detailed explanation.

The key message: Atari did not pressure them. According to the developers, the company simply reached out to discuss plans for a Transport Tycoon Deluxe re-release and offered to collaborate. The resulting compromise means new purchases through Steam and GOG require buying the original game, while downloading OpenTTD for free from the official website remains possible as before.

Existing owners are unaffected. Anyone who already has OpenTTD in their Steam library will continue receiving updates as usual, and re-downloading the game will remain available.

The team's reasoning is straightforward: OpenTTD literally grew out of Transport Tycoon Deluxe. Chris Sawyer created the original in 1994, OpenTTD began as a clone — and despite evolving beyond recognition over 20-plus years, the foundation remains the same. Refusing to cooperate would have seemed inconsistent. As a bonus, Atari agreed to contribute financially to the project's server infrastructure costs.

Complete removal from Steam and GOG was also considered but rejected — too many users already play on those platforms, and creating unnecessary friction for them seemed counterproductive.

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