

# Atari Re-releases Transport Tycoon Deluxe on Steam and GOG, Bundles It With Fan-Made OpenTTD

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In a surprising move, Atari has brought the classic 1995 city-building and transport management game, *Transport Tycoon Deluxe*, back to modern digital storefronts. This re-release, however, comes with a significant twist that changes the accessibility of its highly popular, free, fan-made counterpart, *OpenTTD*, on platforms like Steam and GOG.

## Atari Revives a Classic Sim

After acquiring the rights to the *Transport Tycoon* franchise from creator Chris Sawyer in late 2024, Atari has followed through on its promise to preserve the series. The company has launched an updated port of *Transport Tycoon Deluxe* on both Steam and GOG, priced at \$10. This move officially ends the game's long status as abandonware, making the seminal title legally and easily accessible to a new generation of players. The game tasks you with building a sprawling transit empire across road, rail, sea, and air from 1950 onward, managing complex logistics to outpace rivals and turn a profit.

### Product & Pricing:

- **Product:** Transport Tycoon Deluxe (2026 Re-release)
- **Platforms:** Steam, GOG
- **Price:** \$10 USD
- **Bundle Includes:** Original *Transport Tycoon Deluxe* and access to *OpenTTD* on the respective storefront.

## The OpenTTD Conundrum

The re-release has created an unexpected situation for *OpenTTD*, the open-source, fan-developed recreation of the original game. For years, *OpenTTD* has been available as a free, standalone title on Steam and GOG, praised for its extensive quality-of-life improvements, massive maps, and robust multiplayer support. As of this release, that standalone listing is being removed. New players wishing to add *OpenTTD* to their Steam or GOG library must now purchase the bundled *Transport Tycoon Deluxe*. The *OpenTTD* development team confirmed this change, stating the game will now be "obtained as part of a bundle alongside the original."

### OpenTTD Access Changes:

- **Before:** *OpenTTD* was a free, standalone title on Steam/GOG.
- **After (New Users):** *OpenTTD* is only available on Steam/GOG as part of the paid *Transport Tycoon Deluxe* bundle.
- **After (Existing Owners):** No change. Game remains in library.
- **Alternative:** *OpenTTD* remains free to download from its official website ([www.openttd.org](http://www.openttd.org)).

## A Narrow Window for Free Access

There is a crucial caveat for savvy players. At the time of writing, the change had not yet been fully implemented on Steam. A brief window remained where *OpenTTD* could still be added to a user's

library for free without purchasing the bundle. This loophole offered a final chance for players to secure the definitive, modernized version of the game at no cost, though it was expected to close imminently as storefronts updated their listings.

### **What This Means for Players**

For existing owners of *OpenTTD* on either platform, nothing changes; the game remains in their libraries with full update support. The core *OpenTTD* project also remains completely free and can be downloaded directly from its official website, unaffected by Atari's storefront policy. The new bundle essentially creates two paths: a direct, free download of *OpenTTD* from its source, or a paid, convenient package on major storefronts that includes both the original classic and its modern reinterpretation. This strategy allows Atari to monetize the legacy IP while the dedicated fan project continues its independent development.

### **Key Features of OpenTTD (vs. Original):**

- Open-source, fan-developed project.
- Larger maps and stable multiplayer for up to 255 players.
- Numerous quality-of-life improvements (drag-and-drop, cost estimation).
- New buildings, longer bridges, and extensive configuration options.
- Widely considered the definitive way to play in modern times.

### **The Legacy of a Tycoon**

This re-release highlights the enduring appeal of Chris Sawyer's deep transport simulation. While the business tactics of modern tycoons may be scrutinized, the digital version offered a pure, strategic challenge of connection and commerce. Whether players choose to experience the original *Transport Tycoon Deluxe* in its authentic form or opt for the enhanced, community-driven experience of *OpenTTD*, Atari's move has successfully refocused attention on a landmark title in the strategy and simulation genre.