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1 Introduction

Welcome to FLASHPOINT CAMPAIGNS: COLD WAR

This is a grand tactical combat simulation on the Cold War battlefield. As the force Commander, you will plan and then issue orders and Standard Operating Procedures to your battalion, brigade, or regimental forces, shaping the fight through maneuver and intent. Your forces will engage the enemy in rendered real-world map locations. Each hex is 500m of militarily significant terrain. Each battle can last 4 to 24 hours of in-game time. Your troops will meet their foes at any time of day and in any environment.

The game engine is based on asynchronous WEGO turns. This means you will issue orders and then watch a variable amount of time unfold on the battlefield. Then, issue or adjust orders to react to what has happened as you execute your battle plan.

Flashpoint Campaigns: Cold War is a deep simulation of combat operations, where your forces are arranged in maneuver units comprising companies, platoons, and sections of tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, infantry squads and teams, reconnaissance forces, engineers, air-defense and anti-tank systems, helicopters, and more.

As the Commander, you must utilize available off-map assets, such as long-range artillery, rockets, or airstrikes.

Your efforts in this complex battlespace will be constantly challenged by modeled features like Electronic Warfare, Air Superiority, Realistic Weather, Line of Sight and Fire, Terrain and Elevation, Smoke and Mines, and Human Factors like training, morale, and readiness. All these elements must be considered if you are to be victorious on the battlefield.

The game is packed with information dialogs, map overlays, and range rings to aid you as Commander, master the situation, and understand your force's capabilities.

Flashpoint Campaigns: Cold War is a data-rich simulation that provides detailed information on National Characteristics, Command Parameters, and Orders of Battle for each nation. Data Tables are packed with period-specific equipment and troops. Weapon Systems of the time, such as guns, missiles, precision munitions, small arms, and much more, are comprehensively modeled.

As a toolkit, you can create your scenarios and campaigns. You can also dive deeper and create or modify game data, artwork, and sound effects as you see fit. All these modding capabilities are supported by detailed documentation.

1.1 What's in This Document

This document covers a listing of all the changes to the games features, data, content, and documentation for this released update.

1.2 Manuals

We have chosen to go with many living manuals to cover game interface/play, learning the game, basic tactics, Content Creation, and Game Modding for the Cold War game engine. We also have guides that cover that area of operations. The affected manuals and guides will be updated as the game is updated, and PDFs of these changes will be included with the new patches.

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1.2.1 The Field Manuals (FM)

These are the core manuals on how to play, create content for, and modify data for the Cold War game engine. Before jumping into Content Creation, we strongly recommend you review the first three manuals, **Game Operations**, **Battlefield Primer**, and the **Tutorial Operations**, if you are new to this type of game and warfare. Returning Flashpoint Campaigns players should review **Game Operations** to get details on new features, as there are many.

These documents are found in the Documents\FMs folder.

- **FM01 Game Operations** – Detailed information on the game, its interface, and how to use it
- **FM02 Battlefield Primer** – Fighting in the Cold War
- **FM03A Tutorial Operations: Basic** – Learn the basics needed to play the game
- **FM03B Tutorial Operations: Intermediate** – Learn additional features to expand the gameplay
- **FM03C Tutorial Operations: Advanced** – Learn how to use advanced features of the game
- **FM04 Scenario Design** – How to make or edit scenarios
- **FM05 Battle Planning** – How to create or edit battle plans
- **FM06 Campaign Design** – How to make or edit campaigns
- **FM07 Map Construction** – How to make maps for the game
- **FM08 Game Engine Modifications** – How to mod elements of the game engine
- **FM09 Data Structures and Editing** – How to edit or build data sets
- **FM10 Weather Setup** – How to add in weather from other locales
- **FM11 Military Overlay Creation** – How to add custom graphical overlays to your scenarios

1.2.2 What's New – This Document

The What's New PDFs summarize any changes and fixes when updates are released.

These can be found in the Documents\WhatsNew folder.

1.2.3 FPC Hotkeys

This PDF document lists all the unique game key presses for Function keys and all hotkey definitions. There is no ability to rebind due to the large number of functions in the game.

This document is in \Documents folder.

1.2.4 Flashpoint Campaigns: Cold War FAQ

To stave off forum-clogging threads on various topics that we either don't control or can't support, we have created this FAQ document with the answers to those specific topics. Please review the FAQ for answers to several game topics related to the game, but not on how to play the game.

This document is in the \Documents folder.

1.3 Gender Pronouns and Inclusion

We understand that our simulation will be played by users of all genders. We try to keep language in the game and manual gender neutral, when possible, but sometimes use the pronoun "he" to refer to the user. This is merely to streamline the writing and is not meant to exclude anyone or note a specific gender.

The On Target Simulations team supports the inclusion of all people in the field of wargaming.

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2 What's New in the 3.0.2.10337 **Release dated 13 Jan 2026**

2.1 Data:

- No changes. Changes are in work/testing for the 3.0.3 update.

2.2 Content:

- Maps: fix outdated **Buchholz** map graphics (wrong style railroads).
- Update **"It Begins"** scenario to use the new **Gersfeld** map, which fixes inconsistent cover/concealment values.
- fix a problem in **"Tutorial - Artillery Operations"**, where fire support group ("FSG") thresholds prevented NATO MLRS from firing CB missions on detected targets.
- **"Beating the Beamers"**: fix CSLA leader badge to CSLA badge (not CZ flag), reduce FSG thresholds for rocket launchers, refer to "Czechoslovaks", not "Czechs" in the briefing.
- **"The Three Sisters"** updated: "Set WP HiHQ on map for all BPs; Set WP AD units on map; Adjust WP OMA artillery ranges to reach the map. Note that the Red artillery is all set to On Call... no pre-barrage, which is as expected."
- **"The First Dance"** updated to correct the time in the briefings and make a slight change to one of the Red BPs. This scenario is meant to be played from the Red side. We have added a notice at the top of the Scenario Description to explain this now.
- **"Schlacht bei Diemelstadt"** updated to correct briefings and threat assessments typos and provide some auto-generated info.
- Re-introduce illumination rounds to **"Every Cat is Black at Night"**. They went missing at the last minute with 3.0.1.
- The **ICM strike animation** now uses the correct animation.

2.3 Code:

High DPI Monitor Support:

- Support **multiple monitors** with different display scaling by switching to 'per monitor' High DPI support. This means that if a player has multiple monitors running at different scales (e.g. 100% and 150%) then as game dialogs and reports are dragged from one to the other, the dialog will scale to the new monitor once the exact center point of the dialog crosses over.

Combat Model:

- Allow helicopters with **fire-and-forget ATGMs** a rate of fire of two. Note: This results in AH-64 with Hellfire missiles being even more powerful in combat.
- Lower the **protection threshold** for anti-armor systems to engage using AP or HEAT (including tank guns, auto-cannon, ATGMs).
- Stop **anti-radiation missiles** from engaging targets w/o air search radars.
- Don't double-count defender terrain and mast/periscope benefits in combat.
- When a **standoff range** of one is specified, have the unit anticipate up to three minutes in the future to determine if its standoff is about to be violated.
- Fix an issue where **"hold fire"** units could be blocked by an enemy that wouldn't fire on them due to not being damage-capable. Units with Hold Fire SOP should not be stopped in this case.

Increased Artillery Utilization:

- + Retain fire support requests for static targets longer.
- + Improve "Indirect fire on targets containing friendlies" handling, making artillery available sooner for other missions.
 - Reject the fire mission and don't scoot if detected prior to the first volley
 - Abort fire mission on first detection of friendlies in the target area, preventing repeated log messages.

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- + Improve generation of fire support requests.
 - Call with a batch of units, enabling prioritization of most relevant target.
 - Increase priority of targets who do not already have a fire support request in the FSCC queue.

Multiplayer PBEM++:

- Various fixes to make the system more robust and better explain PBEM++ server messages. Improvements to the logging as well for future troubleshooting.
- New account registration. Add further details of username and password constraints. This is a new label we added to the sign-in page to explain to people creating new accounts what the basic rules are for user IDs and passwords.

Tournaments:

- Let players end a tournament match if one of them has suffered **Sudden Death**.
- Award the **Game Over Bonus** if the minimum required turn length has passed in a tournament match.
- **Matrix Tournament Rules**. We now give 7-star victory points to winners rather than the specific level of victory points. Losers still get partial points based on their victory level.

Other Changes:

- Fix a problem where **resupply** orders would get cancelled before making any progress. There was an assumption that after X mins, some resupply would have happened.
- Fix **ammo handling** in Scenario Refresh, successfully preserving ammo loads over weapon changes in the same platform, and correctly preserving ammo per pod/pylon instance.

Quality of Life Changes and Fixes:

- Allow for **stronger transparency in the night and twilight** hues. Show the min/max limits of these values in the relevant User Preferences

dialog. We do not want to suppress these entirely or the effects of artillery illumination rounds will not be noticed.

- Introduce a dedicated **wreck marker** for downed helicopters.
- The **Subunit Inspector** now shows long subunit names across the top two lines of text so that they are no longer truncated trying to fit into one line.
- Scenario Editor: reintroduce the 'Auto Place Bridges' button for situations where we want to replace an underlying map and place all bridges anew.
- **Unit Dashboard**. Don't treat helicopters being outside of resupply range as a Staff Alert but do provide supply range information as a Staff reminder.
- Fix **Air Defense overlay** not distinguishing between FLAK guns and ADL limited guns.
- **Weather Model**: report "clouds on the ground" 50m visibility as fog.
- Fix incorrect display of **ICM** attributes in the Subunit Inspector and the Unit Dashboard.
- Fix missing description of **'Direct Path'** SOP Movement Preference flavor.
- Fix display of (HQ) **rank** to follow 'local' rank descriptions.
- Provide better information on **detected contacts** in pop-ups and in the TOC Intelligence report.
- Fix **Staff Alerts** being generated as soon as a single subunit has low or no ammo for a weapon + ammo combination. Now all subunits need to be low or out before the alert is generated. This primarily affects units firing illumination rounds.
- Fix TOC Intelligence report for **Enemy Sitrep**, tooltips leaking details about 'detected only' forces and lost contacts.
- Add an option to see a **halo around the unit counter label** to improve readability against unexpected unit counter colors. By default, the unit counter label halo option is off.

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- Consistently use the time format **HH:nn** in the game, such as in the 'clock' panel's dawn and dusk times.

- **Unit Counters:** make sure the default unit counters for detected / sigint / etc. are treated as NATO symbols with respect to flipping, coloring.

2.4 Documents:

- **FM01 Game Operations** updated some text descriptions. Also, we made a few grammar tweaks and replaced one outdated image for the game Colors preferences.

- **FCCW Game FAQ** - updated info and added OneDrive compatibility issue

- **FM02 Battlefield Primer** - typos, added missing ammo types

- **FM03A Tutorial Operations Basic** - corrected a handful of typos and a bad image.

- **FM03B Tutorial Operations Intermediate** - corrected a handful of typos and a bad image.

- No changes to the other PDFs.

- Multiple fixes on the fly to **online Guides** documentation to fix typos, broken links and duplicate information.

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3 What's New in the 3.0.1.10236 **Release dated 1 Dec 2025**

3.1 Data

- No changes.

3.2 Content

- Standalone "**Lesson of War**" edited by Andrew to remove self-propelled artillery ("SPA") movement orders, so they enter the scenario and remain On Call; added smoke ammunition to the SPA units.
- Standalone "**Alamo at Soest**" updated by Andrew to adjust the standard operating procedure ("SOP") presets for both sides.
- Missing artwork "**USAFE.png**" now included so that it will be used in the Air Support Tutorial.

3.3 Code

- Fixed a situation where a unit movement path did not always recalculate when a waypoint was moved by the player.
- Fix crash for rare case where an off-map hostile group was observed when the computer player was generating enemy-oriented mission candidates
- Unit Dashboard: fix incorrect indication of helicopter/drone elevation in Staff tab (it is not 1 elevation step above the hex). Fixed by providing correct and detailed altitude above ground level in main display, and removing the information from the Staff tab.
- Fix detection of 'RADAR only' spotted AD systems during suppression of enemy air defenses ("SEAD") missions.
- Prevent emergency resupply for units in hexes shared with hostile units.
- Fix invalid orders for helicopter mission 'Move to FARP' ("forward arming and refueling point") when already at a FARP.

- Propagate battleplan SOP to unit orders when performing Movement battleplan mission.
- Correctly render the ampersand "&" character in unit names such as the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (A&SH).
- Fix excessive ammo consumption for direct fire engagements for units with multiple instances/pods of the same weapon system (most attack helicopters, some AD systems).
- Fix counter-battery artillery not firing at the detected shooter location. It was incorrectly following the shooter's movements.
- The Subunit Inspector now shows very long subunit names and descriptions across the top two lines of text so that they are no longer truncated trying to fit into one line.

3.4 Documents

- The **FAQ** has been updated with some new information on running on Linux, Discord overlay UI interference, working with monitors with different windows font scaling, and the printed game manual(s).
- **FM01 Game Operations.pdf** has been updated with minor typo and grammar fixes.
- **FM03B Tutorial Operations Intermediate.pdf** fixes a typo in the artillery tutorial.
- **FM08 Game Engine Modifications.pdf** fixes an incorrect subunit image type for the Subunit Inspector images.
- Added "Richard "The Plodder" Lloyd back into the in-game Contributor Credits .

4 If You See Something Odd...

If you think you are seeing strange behavior, please let us know in the forum (Tech Support) and please get us a save game (.SAV and

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.SAV.BLR files) to review with your observations. These really help us diagnose any issue in the game code.

5 Finally

Please enjoy the game. The OTS team has worked on it for many years and hopes that you have as much fun with it as we have. Development on both the game engine and the content is going to continue for years yet.

- ***The OTS Team***

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6 OTS on the Web

Matrix Games Forum: <https://www.matrixgames.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=10149>

Check Us Out on Discord: <https://discord.com/channels/911711314051739659/911711314257248331>

Check Us Out on Steam: https://store.steampowered.com/app/3170350/Flashpoint_Campaigns_Cold_War/

Definitely check out the Online Game Documentation here: <https://ontargetsimulations.com/guides/coldwar/>

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