



Installation Guide

Euro Truck Simulator 2 | Game version 1.61

About WinterExperience

WinterExperience is an advanced winter modification for Euro Truck Simulator 2, designed to deliver a realistic European winter not only visually, but also through road conditions and vehicle behaviour.

Its region-dependent winter system changes the environment and driving conditions as you travel across Europe.

Key Features

- **Climate-zone winter system across Europe:** winter conditions vary from the far north to southern regions.
- **Region-dependent snow:** Spain has mild winters with little snow; Central Europe features mixed conditions; Northern Europe has heavy snow and challenging roads.
- **Winter driving physics:** vehicle handling changes depending on the road surface.
- **3D snowdrifts with collision:** snowdrifts are physical objects in the game world.
- **Realistic weather effects** developed for winter conditions.
- **Realistic winter textures** throughout the environment.
- **Frozen lakes** as part of the seasonal world.

Important: prepare a clean mod folder

For the first launch, remove other modifications and previous PNG files. Compatibility requirements are explained on page 3.

European Winter Climate Zones

WinterExperience adapts winter conditions to different parts of Europe. The map below illustrates the three regional zones and the associated road conditions.



How the zones affect driving

1. Northeast: Snow-covered roads and low grip. **2. Central:** Slippery sections and intermittent snow cover. **3. South:** Mostly clear asphalt with normal grip.

Before You Begin

Start with a clean mod folder. WinterExperience affects many aspects of ETS2. Before your first launch, remove other mods, older PNG files and previous fixes from the mod folder. Reintroduce additional mods carefully, one at a time.

Required game version: ETS2 1.61

Required archive tool: [WinRAR](#) or [7-Zip](#) to extract the downloaded package.

Do Not Use With WinterExperience

- Map mods
- Other graphics or weather mods
- Better Rain or other rain mods
- Real Company mods
- Real/True Mirror FOV mods
- Sound Fixes mods

These restrictions apply to the supplied WinterExperience release. Use the original SCS map.

Compatibility & Important Notes

Map mods: Map mods can mix custom assets and textures across regions and DLCs, disrupting WinterExperience's regional winter logic. Snow or snowdrifts may appear inconsistently. The modification is designed for the original SCS map.

Rain and environment-sound mods: WinterExperience uses an invisible-rain technique to create wet winter surfaces. Other rain-related mods may restore visible rainfall or interfere with the intended result.

Mirror FOV mods: Mirror FOV parameters are stored in files that also contain some winter-effect settings, so modifications that change these parameters may conflict.

Intentional Design Choices & Compromises

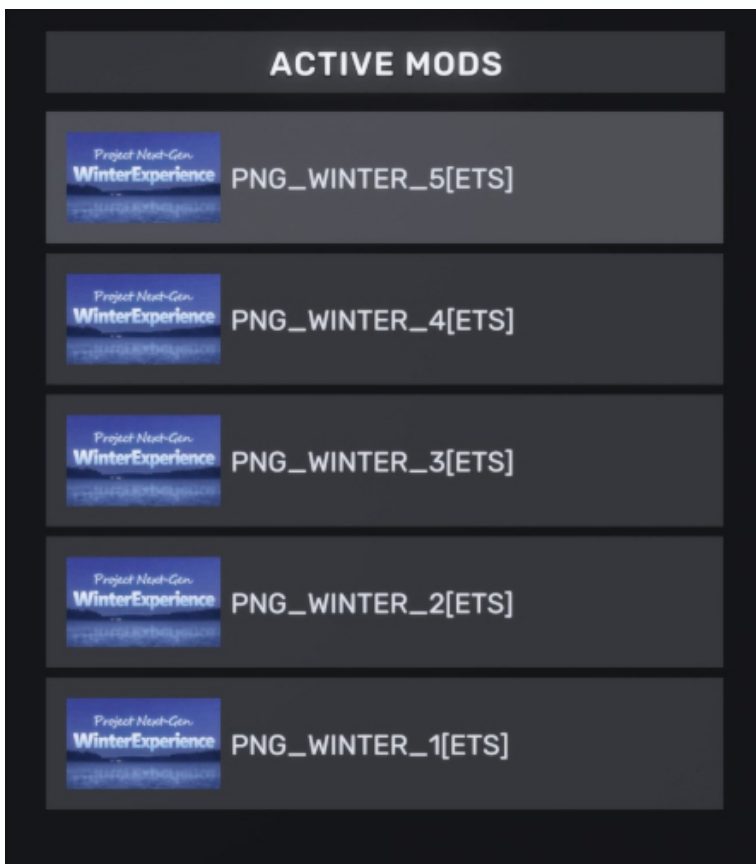
Certain technical solutions and compromises are necessary due to ETS2 engine limitations, helping preserve realistic and visually consistent winter conditions.

1. Installation

1. Extract the downloaded WinterExperience archive with WinRAR or 7-Zip.
2. Open the extracted folder.
3. Copy **all five files** from the **mod** folder into **Documents\Euro Truck Simulator 2\mod**.
4. Launch Euro Truck Simulator 2 via Steam using **DirectX 11 (64-bit)**.
5. Open the in-game **Mod Manager** and activate all WinterExperience files in the order shown below.
6. Disable **Automatic windshield wipers** under **Menu > Options > Gameplay**.

2. Mod Activation / Load Order

In Mod Manager, arrange the WinterExperience files in the exact priority order shown here. Every part is required.



Highest priority

PNG_WINTER_5[ETS]

PNG_WINTER_4[ETS]

PNG_WINTER_3[ETS]

PNG_WINTER_2[ETS]

PNG_WINTER_1[ETS]

Lowest priority

Keep the five parts together in this order. Start the game with only WinterExperience enabled to verify the installation before adding other mods.