# FE9G



# Manual

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### What is FE9G ?

FE9G (Full Environment 9 Global) is an enhancement package for FS9 only. It will not work correctly on another Flight simulator version or Prepar3D.

This package is fully compatible with any add-on but it may replace some existing generic textures from FS9 default files, REX, etc... You can install only what you want to use or reinstall your previous texture over FE9G if necessary.

The use of FS9 Evolution with this package is highly recommended to get the most immersive graphics with FS2004.

New version(s) of FE9G will probably be released in the future with new features included.

### Credits & EULA

This package contains freeware textures from several authors and has been assembled by Maxime Konareff.

This package is 100% legal and free and all permissions have been asked to the original authors. This package cannot be included in a payware package, it cannot be modified and/or redistributed before permission from the original authors.

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- Maxime Konareff : Sky Day textures, Environment reflection, water textures, waves, water reflection, Gabriel's textures modifications, ENB+SFX presets.

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#### Installation

In the zip archive you will find 6 folders corresponding to 5 installation steps and a screenshot library. The installation is done manually for each enhancement. Each step is facultative and the installation order is not relevant.

Before installation, it is highly recommended to create a backup of these FS9 folders and files:

- FS9 Main Folder\Texture
- FS9 Main Folder\Scenery\World\Texture
- FS9 Main Folder\Suneffect.cfg

Global Post Processing : Post Processing effects (ENBseries + SweetFX)

The post processing effects enhance FS2004 colors to a realistic feeling.

Open the Global Post Processing folder and choose your favorite pack between natural colors, Icy blue, light blue etc... You can make some tests to find your favorite setting. Extract "ENBseries + SweetFx [...]" contents into into "Flight simulator 9" folder and replace all files.

Don't forget to make a backup before replacement if you already have Enbseries or sweetfx !

You need to have DirectX 9.0C installed to get SweetFX working : <u>http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=34429</u>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

You can Disable the Lumasharpen effect of SweetFX if your fs9 is too sharp The use of the Lumasharpen effect is recommended only if you have the FXAA activated in Nvidiainspector.

To disable the Lumasharpen effect, open SweetFX\_Settings.txt and replace #define USE\_LUMASHARPEN 1 by 0



<u>Global Reflection : Environment reflection on aircrafts</u>

This step will enhance the reflection on the aircraft.

Open the Global Reflection folder and unzip the "Texture" folder into your main FS9 Folder and replace all files.

Global Sky : New enhanced sky textures

This step will enhance a lot your sky textures during day, dawn, dusk and night. The horizon is smoother than default FS2004 sky and REX. If you fly Concorde, you will also notice than flying above FL500 makes the sky really darker without darkening too much the sky at usual flight levels. The day textures have been created and tested to make the colors as realistic as possible as the day goes on.

You can make a complete install for the 24h period or just install, dawn, dusk, day and/or night textures if prefere your current textures. Day textures are available with 2 different variants. If you think that the normal is too dark, you can use the variant with less shadows but I recommend you to first try the normal day theme (Soft horizon)

To install a period of the day, open the corresponding folder and unzip its contents into FS9 Main folder and replace all files. Repeat the operation for each period you want to install.



Here is an afternoon example with FS9 Evolution installed

Like the shadows, fog color has also been reworked



• <u>Global Sun : New sun texture with custom lens flare effect</u>

This step will enhance the sun rendering in FS2004 especially during dawn and dusk.

There are two variant that you can install. Open the variant you have chosen then unzip its contents into FS9 Main folder and replace all files.



The Sun & Dirty Lens Flare is my favorite setting

Global Water : New water textures, reflection & waves

This step will enhance a lot your water, for an easy installation, everything is installed in one step but if you prefere to keep your current textures like tropical water, just install them back after this step. Open the Global water folder and unzip its contents into FS9 Main folder and replace all files.

Note : 049n2wa1.bmp and 055b2wa1.bmp are tropical water textures.



# Recommended settings

• <u>FSUIPC Visibility settings</u>

If you want to get the most realistic soft horizon, please configure the FSUIPC visibility settings as following.

Note : It requires a registered FSUIPC version.

Buttons + Switches Key Presses	Axis Assignment	Joystick Calibration	
About + Register   Winds Visibility   C	Clouds Miscellaneous	Logging	Hot Ke
Excepting *** these facilities only app	bly to global or externally supplie	d weather	
General limits and extensions	Smoothing options ***		
Apply vis limits (1/100ths mile) ***	Smooth visibility char	nges: 10% every 2	secs
clear         cloudy         o/cast         rainy           3000         3000         3000         2000	But, after weather cleare by this many seconds:	d, delay smoothing	9 0
layers with few clouds ignored	Smooth only when a	irborne	
Stop visibility going below 0 (1/100ths mile) ***	Set graduated visibil	ty	
Override upper altitude by:	fror (0 makes thi	n this altitude (ft) s = vis layer top)	0
Upper altitude of restricted visibility 5000 layer (feet)	up	to this altitude <mark>(</mark> ft)	25000
✓ Random extend METAR maxima	with th	is upper visibility (1/100ths mile)	3000

FS9 Horizon is smooth all day long, you will never see any "Cut" Horizon anymore



#### <u>FS9 Optimization</u>

FS9 is probably running fast on your current computer because FS9 is now outdated compared to the technologies which are available today. But FS9 can be stuttering sometimes, to correct a piece of this issue, there are some tweaks that can help you.

• Traffic and scenery optimization :

These optimizations are related to my personal experience, with these tweaks I reduced a lot my stutters due to traffic and add-on scenery in FS9

#### ✓ For the Traffic :

FS9 does not care about the folder name of your AI aircraft, only the title =... is used to find the aircrafts

To do so, FS9 search the aircraft in all aircraft.cfg folder by folder from A to Z.

If your AI aircraft folder name begins with "Z" for example, it will take a looong time to find it and you

would probably see some micro-stutters.

To avoid that, I suggest you to rename all your AI Aircraft folders with this prefix : AAI\_[NAME OF FOLDER]

Your FS9 will now find really quickly your AI Aircraft and fs9 will be really smoother !

✓ For the scenery :

Just activate in the library the necessary sceneries for your flight, and FS9 will be smoother To do so, the use of the freeware FS scenery manager is really recommended !

• Scenery.CFG optimization:

The scenery.cfg file is located in your main FS9 Folder. You can open this file with the notepad. Always make sure that your AREA.XXX is equal to your layer=XXX for each scenery. (Don't try to do this by yourself, several utilities can do that for you)

• FS9.CFG optimization & enhancements:

For Vista and Windows 7 users, FS9.cfg is located in: YOURNAME/Appdata/Roaming/Microsoft/FS9/FS9.cfg

You can open this file with the notepad.

Search for the lines corresponding to the following and replace them by the following:

[Weather] MinGustTime=5 MaxGustTime=1000 MinGustRampSpeed=2 MaxGustRampSpeed=100 MinVarTime=2 MaxVarTime=500 13 MinVarRampSpeed=10 MaxVarRampSpeed=75 TurbulenceScale=1.500000 //(you can increase or descrease this value to your prefered turbulence scale)

[DISPLAY]

UPPER\_FRAMERATE\_LIMIT=30 //(you can decrease this value but it's not advised to increase it) TEXTURE\_BANDWIDTH\_MULT=200 //(you can decrease this value but it's not advised to increase it because you will have stutters) TextureMaxLoad=9 RUNWAY\_LIGHTS\_SURFACE\_SCALAR=1.2 RUNWAY\_LIGHTS\_VASI\_SCALAR=1.0 RUNWAY\_LIGHTS\_APPROACH\_SCALAR=1.0 RUNWAY\_LIGHTS\_STROBE\_SCALAR=1.5

[TERRAIN] TERRAIN\_ERROR\_FACTOR=100.000000 TERRAIN\_MIN\_DEM\_AREA=100.000000 TERRAIN\_MAX\_DEM\_AREA=100.000000 TERRAIN\_MAX\_VERTEX\_LEVEL=21 //(best global results but some sceneries may requires other values) TERRAIN\_TEXTURE\_SIZE\_EXP=8 TERRAIN\_AUTOGEN\_DENSITY=5 TERRAIN\_AUTOGEN\_DENSITY=5 TERRAIN\_USE\_GRADIENT\_MAP=1 TERRAIN\_EXTENDED\_TEXTURES=1 TERRAIN\_EXTENDED\_TEXTURES=1 TERRAIN\_DEFAULT\_RADIUS=9.500000 TERRAIN\_EXTENDED\_RADIUS=4.500000 //(You can try 9.0) TERRAIN\_EXTENDED\_LEVELS=4