

Sol 2.2.8 install guide

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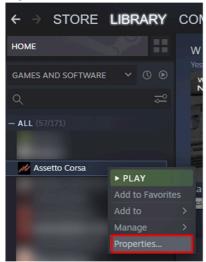
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AC root folder

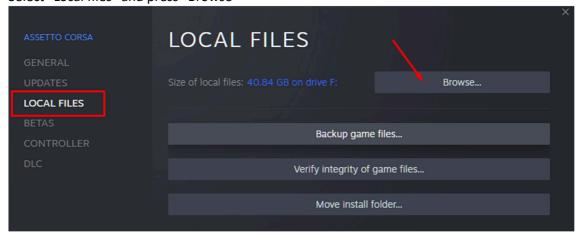
Assetto Corsa's install folder.

How to find it:

- 1. Open Steam and go to your library.
- 2. Right mouse-click on "Assetto Corsa" and select "Properties"



3. Select "Local files" and press "Browse"



4. Make a link to it, you will need it often...

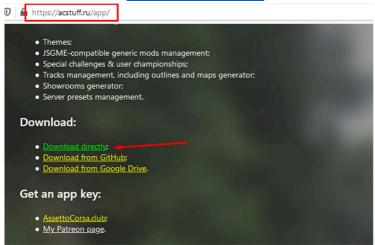
Install Content Manager (CM)

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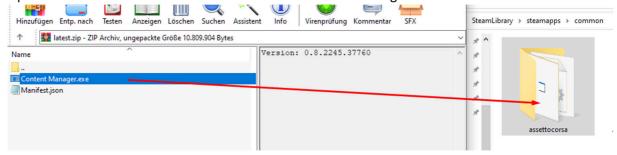
Content Manager is the software, where everything comes together. Here you manage every content of AC: content like tracks, cars and skins, but also the new features like Custom Shaders Patch and Sol.

To install CM, follow those few steps:

1. Download CM here: https://acstuff.ru/app/



2. Open the downloaded archive and move the file "Content Manager.exe" to AC root folder.



3. Start Content Manager from AC root folder

Content Manager / Assetto Corsa folder

Be sure, CM works with the right AC root folder !!!



If this is wrong, settings of CM are not interpreted right. If you discover a strange behavior of CM not using your set values, just have a look in that particular CM setting.

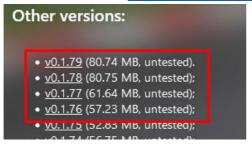
Install Custom Shaders Patch (CSP)

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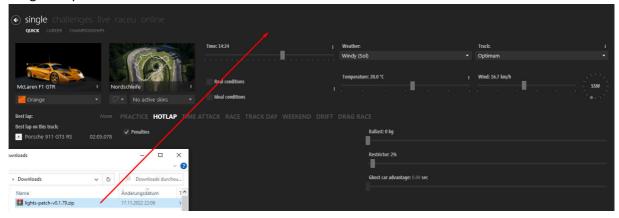
CSP is a suite of modules, which bring many new features to Assetto Corsa. For example, the "weatherFX" module is like a graphics SDK, to give AC a whole new look and advanced features like day/night cycle, 3d clouds and improved lighting. This is the needed base for Sol.

For Sol 2.2.8, you need at least CSP version 0.1.76

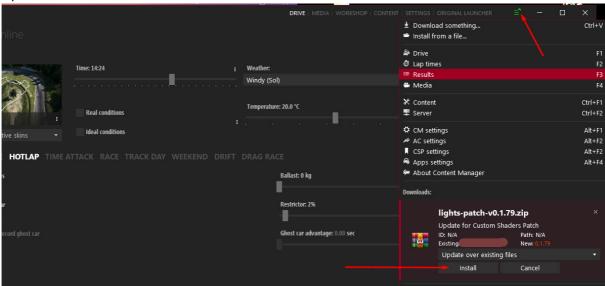
1. Download CSP here: https://acstuff.ru/patch/



2. Drag'n'drop the downloaded archive to CM



3. Open install menu and Install CSP

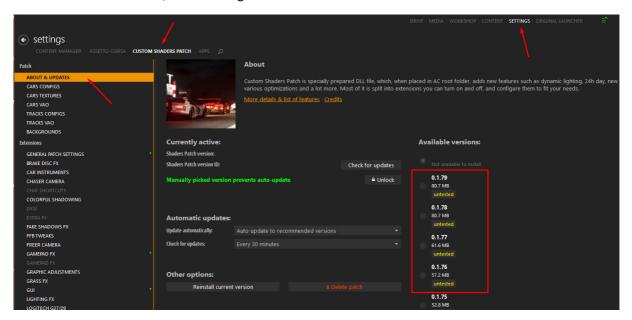


Update CSP

Sol 2.2.8 needs at least CSP version 0.1.76!

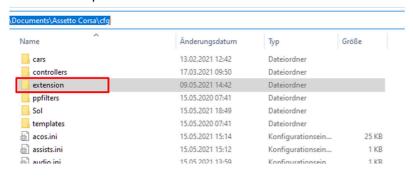
Update CSP in CM

- 1. Go to SETTINGS
- 2. Go to CUSTOM SHADERS PATCH
- 3. Select the "ABOUT & UPDATES" tab
- 4. Choose a version, 0.1.76 or higher



If you discover steady crashes of AC/CSP, try to clean the CSP settings:

- Go to your documents folder
 C:\Users\xxxxxx\Documents\Assetto Corsa\cfg
- 2. Make a backup of the "extension" folder



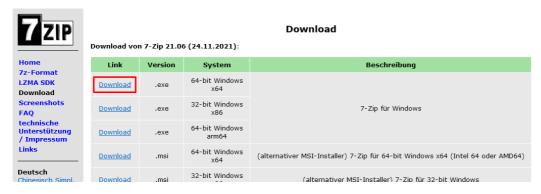
3. Delete its contents

Use 7zip to open Sol's install archive

If you are already able to open 7z files, ignore the following!

You get 7z here:

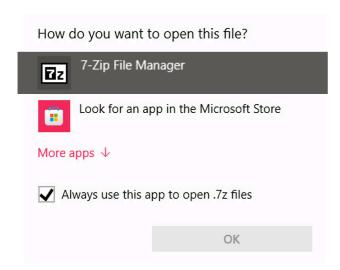
https://www.7-zip.org/download.html



- 1. Download 7zip installer
- 2. Install it

If you do this the first time

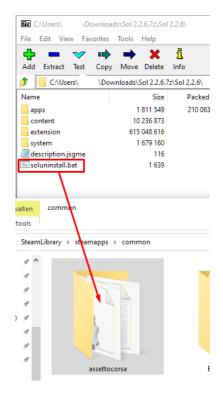
- 1. Right-click on "Sol 2.2.x.7z" and click "Open with..."
- 2. Click "More apps..." (Skip this step if it's not there for you)
- 3. Click "Choose another application from this PC"
- 4. On the window that pops up, navigate to your 7zip installation folder, and double click "7zFM.exe" (default install folder is "C:\Program Files\7-Zip")
- 5. Select "7-Zip File Manager"
- 6. Click "OK"



Uninstall older version of Sol

- 1. Open the Sol 7z archive.
- 2. In the zip, go into the folder /Sol 2.2.x
- 3. Copy the file "soluninstall.bat" to your AC root folder
- 4. Execute "soluninstall.bat"

This will completely uninstall Sol.



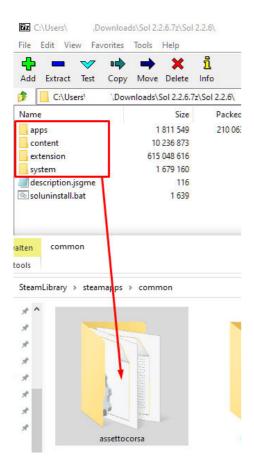
If there are some troubles with deleting files, try to run the uninstall.bat as administrator.

- 1. Right click on the soluninstall.bat
- 2. Select "Run as administrator"
- 3. Confirm!

Install Sol

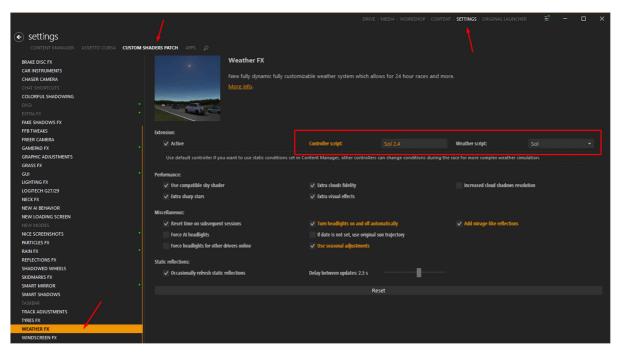
Always install Sol by **manually** copying its files to **AC root folder**!

- 1. Open the Sol 2.2.x 7z.
- 2. In the zip, go into the folder /Sol 2.2.x
- 3. Copy the folders apps, content, extension and system to AC root folder
- 4. Confirm overwriting existing files



Setup weatherFX (CSP 1.79/1.80p115 and older)

In CM, select the Sol weather script and Sol 2.4 weather controller:



With Sol 2.2 a new app manages dynamic weather – **Sol Planner**.

Sol Planner only works, if "Sol 2.4" controller script is running.

Select the older "Sol" controller script, to use text file-based weather plans. You also need "Sol" weather to use "Sol plan selector" app.

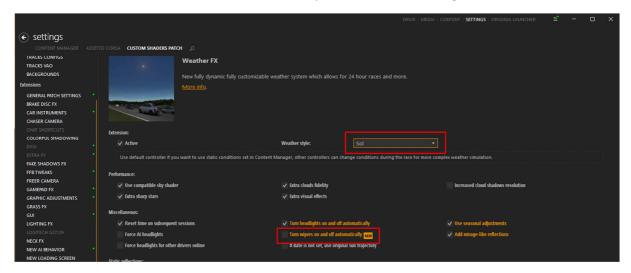




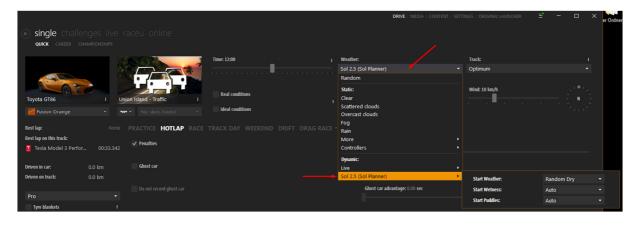
Setup weatherFX (CSP 1.80/1.80p218 and newer)

In the new CM and CSP, weather script is now called "weather style".

In the new CM (0.8.25...), select the Sol weather style in weatherFX settings:

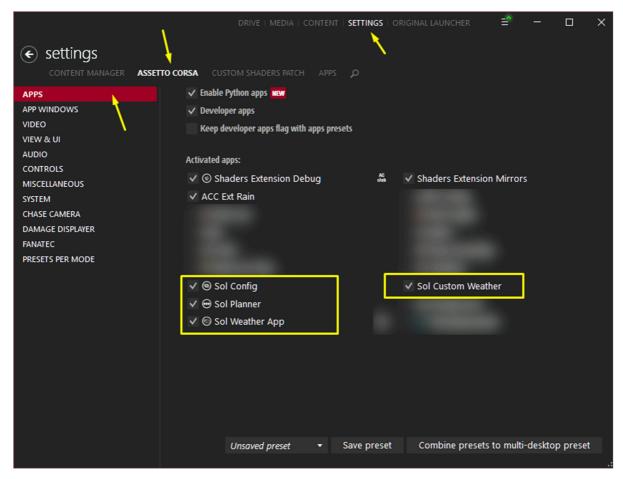


Use the new Sol 2.5 weather controller submenu in the Drive menu. You can choose to use Sol 2.5 controller here too, if you drive Challenges.



Activate the Sol apps

In CM, go to the "Ingame App" settings:



Sol Config

Configure Sol. A complete manual of "Sol config 2.0" is included in the install package.

Sol Planner

Easily create dynamic weather within AC. You don't need to script text files anymore. Just compose your weather progression in a graphic interface. A manual of "Sol Planner" is included in the install package.

Sol Weather App (by leBluem)

The main function of this app is the debug output. Here, all errors of Sol/weatherFX will be displayed. But this app has many additional features: time/date control, track and car specific options and it's the main app to control weather with Sol 2.0 weather controller (the former controller, which handles text-based weather plans).

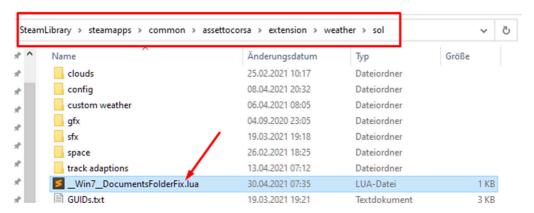
Sol Custom Weather

A developer app to compose a very own weather. This will override the weather controller's data. (The replay weather can be bypassed)

Windows 7 usage / strange folders in AC root folder / Sol config not saved

If you still use Windows 7 or you discover strange folders created in AC root folder, please follow those steps:

- 1. Open AC root folder
- 2. Go to the folder \extension\weather\sol
- 3. Open the file " Win7 DocumentsFolderFix.lua" with a text editor

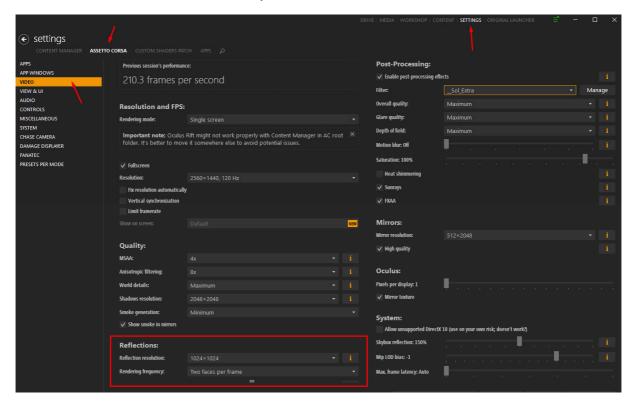


4. Manually add the location of your Documents folder

If this does not work, choose a folder, which is not in your user folder!

Recommended/important settings for Sol

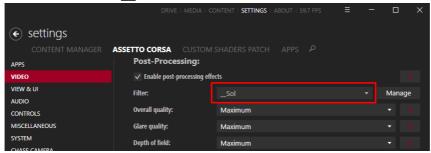
I recommend to use "Two faces per frame" with Sol 2.2!



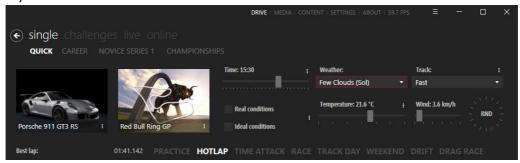
Troubleshooting and error reports

If you discover problems with Sol, please do this before reporting the bug or asking for help:

1. Set the PPFilter to "__Sol"



2. Try a default session with Kunos content



3. Reset the Sol config to default



Bug report at Sol's Discord server

If you still got problems, please make a screenshot of the Sol weather app ingame and post it with your report:



Please use Sol's Discord server to report bugs: https://discord.gg/m2Vbsgz

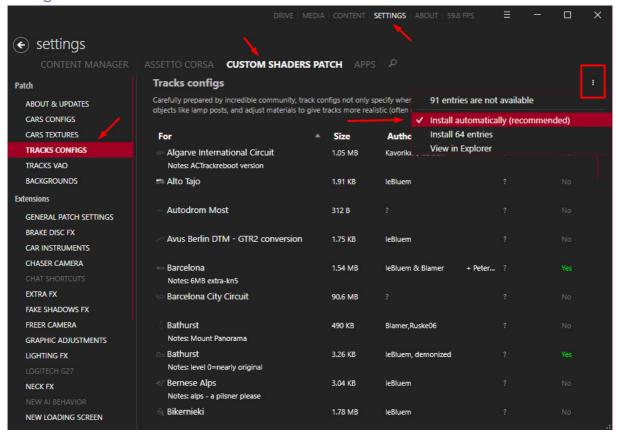
On Discord you can also try the latest betas: https://discord.gg/fM8zVzP

If you think your problem is CSP (Custom Shader Patch) related, just have a look here: https://discord.gg/QwXVEF

Some preparations before you start

Activate autoload for the track configs and VAO patches!

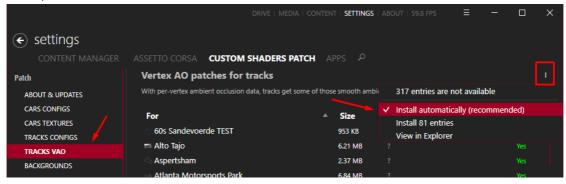
Configs



If you got problems when using a track, e.g. there are changing colors – Just try to reinstall manually: (right-mouse click on the track)

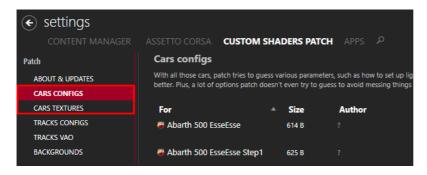


VAO patches

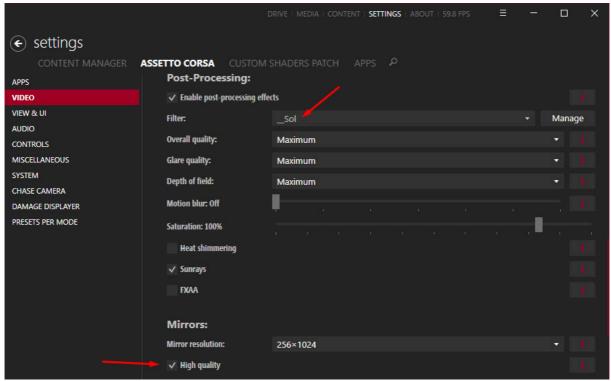


Cars

You have the same functionalities for cars...

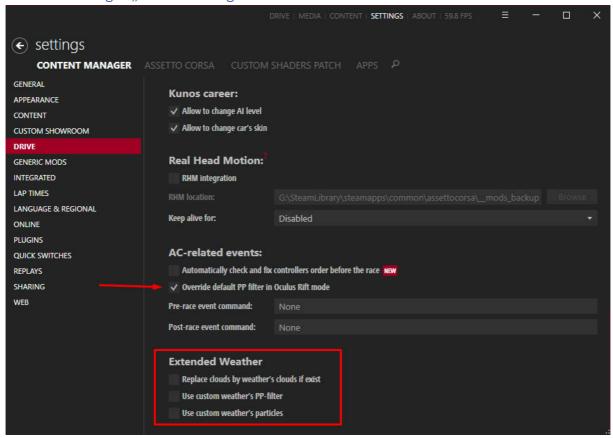


Video settings



You can also try "__Sol_Extra" filter. "__Sol" is a neutral filter, whereas "__Sol_Extra" is an eyecandy-like filter with an advanced auto-exposure control.

Content Manager "Drive" settings



With Sol 2.1 and the CSP rainFX development, the former CM extended weather functions are no longer needed.

Texture Color Corrections Pack

I highly recommend to install a package available here: https://discord.gg/XEFpq7g

It will correct the colors of the vegetation texture of some Kunos tracks. Just drag'n'drop the archive to CM and install it. It will place the textures in the tracks content folder in /skins/default

Zandvoort with corrected color

