

How To Mod a PSP

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DISCLAIMER: By modding any console, you risk bricking it. This guide has been tested and does work, but we are not responsible for what happens to your PSP.

This guide will do the following:

- Install Custom Firmware

Uses for a homebrewed PSP include:

- Running homebrew apps
- Porting games not on the PSP via an emulator
- ROM hacks
- Playing games for free
- Region lock bypass
- Save editing
- Custom home menu themes
- Dumping your cartridges to play digitally

Important information (READ FIRST):

Make sure that your PSP is connected to power at all times while hacking to avoid unwanted bricks.

What you need:

1. Mini USB Cable
2. Computer (Chromebook works!)

PSP compatibility:

You can use this guide for every PSP model other than the PSP Go and 3000 (1000, 2000) regardless of region.



Computer compatibility:

You can use any computer as long as you can download files online.

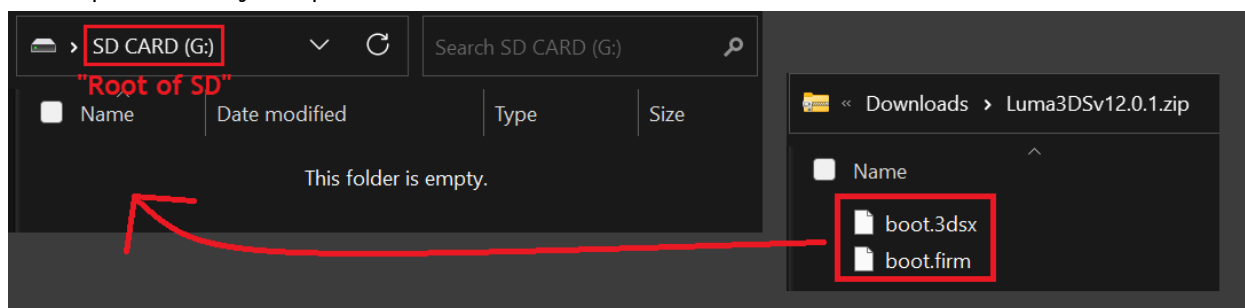
SD Card info:

A Memory Stick Duo is a required item. We recommend the [Memory stick duo to Micro SD](#) or the [128 GB Memory stick pro](#)

Terminology:

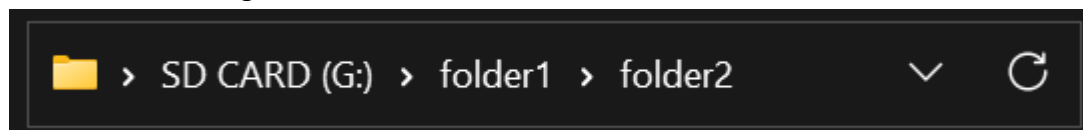
File placement

It's important to put your files in the correct places so the PSP can properly read it. You'll quite frequently see the phrase "SD root" or "SD card root". The directory that opens when you open the SD card is the root.



You will also see folders written like /this/. The /slashes/ are used to tell you that this is the name of the folder. E.g. /folder1/ would be in the SD as folder1. There also may be a slash in between two folders such as /folder1/folder2/. This refers to /folder2/ being inside of /folder1/. The slashes are not in the name of the

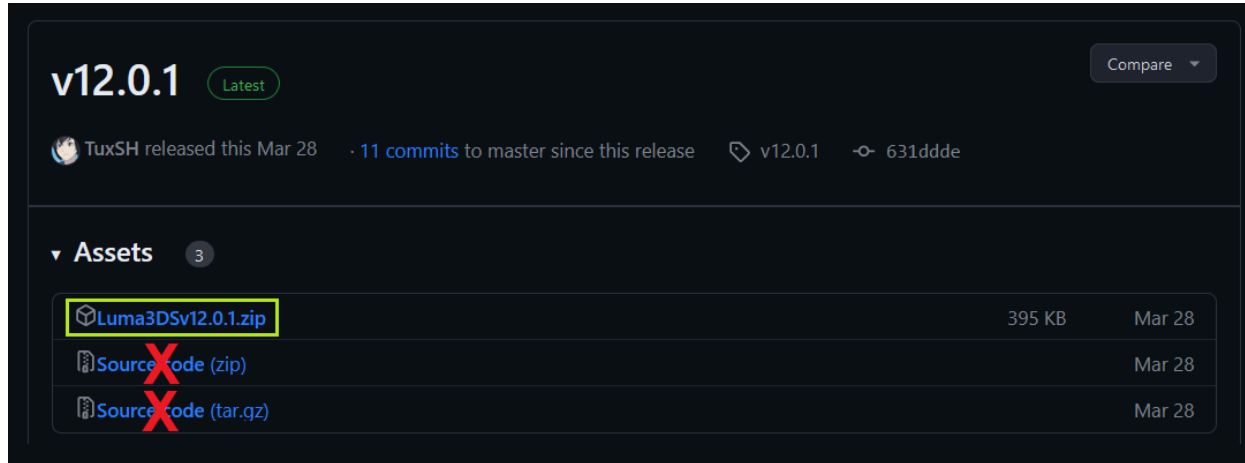
folder.



CFW

CFW stands for custom firmware.

Downloading GitHub files



You'll soon copy files to the SD card. Most of these files come from GitHub. When you download files from GitHub, you shouldn't download the source code.

Unzipping and extracting files

You'll have to download files with the .zip extension. You must unzip them or else the PSP can't read the files, and when that happens, you can either double-click on the file or right-click then click "Unzip" or "Extract all". If you cannot do this, you can install a tool such as [7-zip](#).

File extensions

If you use Windows, file extensions may be turned off by default. You can enable them using [these instructions](#).

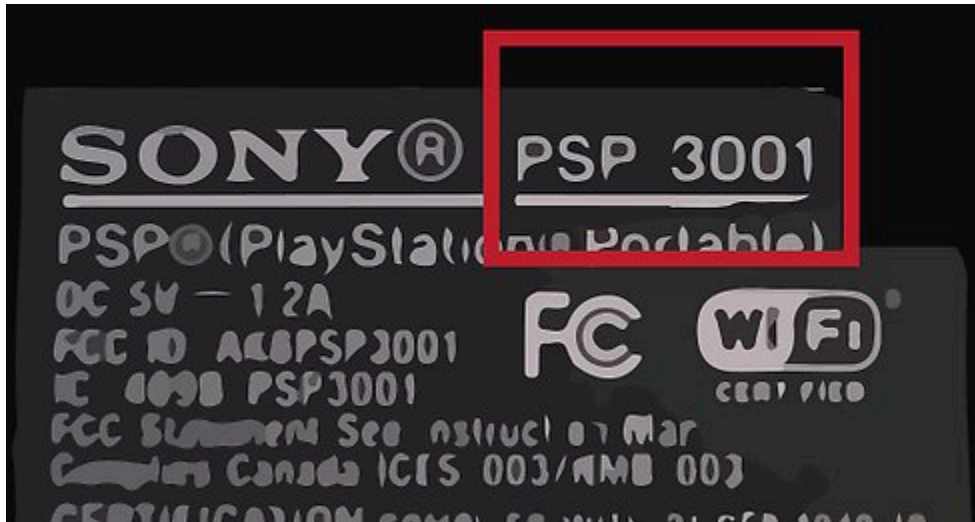
Help

If you need help, go to [PSP Homebrew Discord](#).

Getting Started

Step 1 - PSP model number

To find your PSP Model Number, open the battery cover and remove the battery. The first number you see will be either 1XXX, 2XXX, or 3XXX



This will determine the versions of software you will use.

Step 2 - Update Your System

To update your PSP go to "Settings" > "System Settings" > "System Information." If your firmware is not up to date, visit the official Sony PSP website to download and install the latest firmware.

CURRENT VERSION: 6.61

Step 3 - Download CFW

You will need PRO-C or ME, which can be found at [PSPunk](#) . Extract the file and copy the firmware onto your PSP using USB mode, into the folder /PSP/GAME/
For Pro use /CIPL_Flasher/ For ME use /Me_Installer/ or /661me_installer./

Step 4 - Install Firmware

Next go to the game section and find Pro Update or ME Update

Press X A few things will show up, Press X to Install the firmware

For PSP 1XXX and 2XXX Launch CIPL Flasher. This will change the IPL (Initial Program Launcher)

Which will Launch the CFW on boot

Next run fast Recovery (PSP 3XXX)

Delete all of these files (Not Fast Recovery for PSP 3XXX)

And You're done!