

Encrypt-TAO 1.0 Manual

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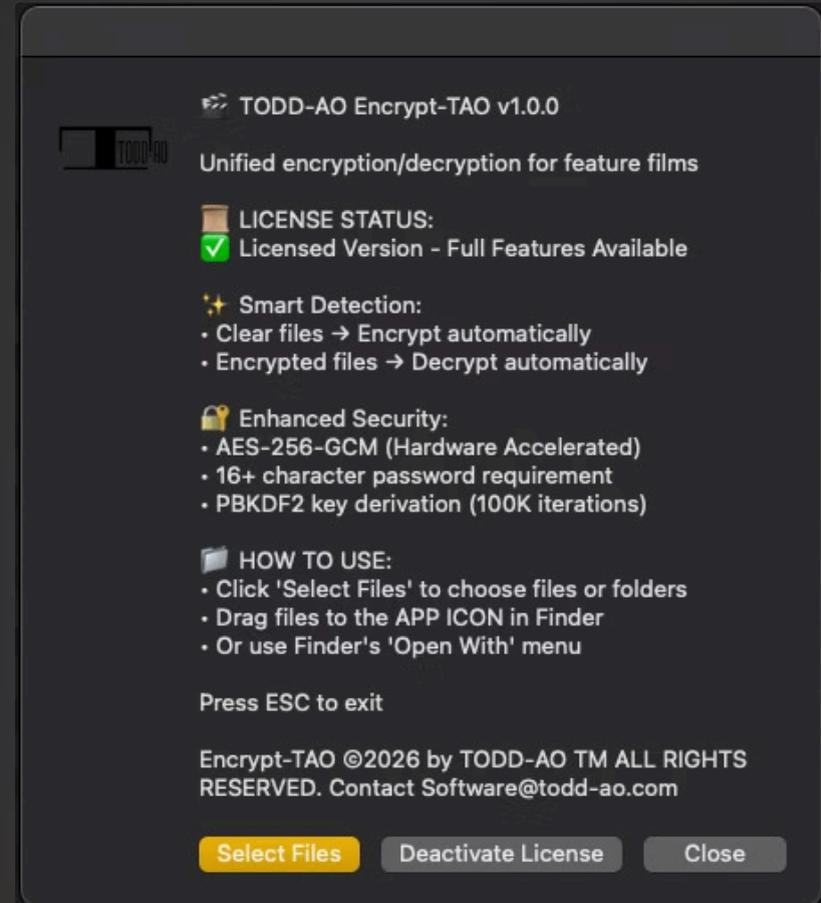


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Introduction

Encrypt-TAO is a professional encryption tool for macOS that makes file protection **simple, fast, and secure**. Designed for film post-production, it combines **military-grade security** with **drag & drop simplicity**.

Whether you're securing scripts, picture cuts, or production assets, Encrypt-TAO ensures your data stays private.

Highlights

- ⚡ **Automatic encryption & decryption** — just drag and drop
- 🧠 **Smart format detection** — decrypts ChaCha20, AES-GCM, and AES-CBC automatically
- 🗝️ **ChaCha20-Poly1305 encryption** — fast, modern, and trusted by Google & Signal
- 💻 **Optimized for Apple Silicon (M1–M5)**
- 🌐 **Completely offline** — no servers, no tracking, no password storage
- 📄 **Perpetual license** — includes **three seats**

System Requirements

To ensure optimal performance, **Encrypt-TAO** requires the following:

- **Operating System:** macOS 12.0 (Monterey) or later
- **Processor:** Apple Silicon (M1, M2, M3, M4, M5) – *required*
- **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB
- **Disk Space:** At least 500 MB of free space
- **Supported Files:** Any file type (video, audio, documents, images, etc.)

Activation & Deactivation

Activation

Encrypt-TAO requires activation before any core functionality can be used.

The **LICENSE STATUS** is shown in the main window.

On the first launch, the activation prompt will pop up.



Once activated, full access to all features will be enabled.

Each perpetual license can activate up to three seats at the same time.

Deactivation

To release the license for use on another system:

- Click the "**Deactivate License**" button from the main window.
- Confirm when prompted.

After deactivation, the application will be disabled. The license key becomes available for use on a different machine.

Encrypting Files

Encrypt-TAO makes file encryption simple and automatic.

No complex setup — just drag, drop, and protect.

1

Locate your files or folder: video, document, image, or any other type.

2

Drag them onto the **Encrypt-TAO** app icon in Finder.

3

Enter a password (16 characters minimum) when prompted.

✓ Each encrypted file is saved **in the same folder** as the original.

When encrypting multiple files, **Encrypt-TAO** creates each encrypted copy **next to its source file**, preserving your folder structure.

File Extension:

MyProject.mov (*original file – optional to delete*)

MyProject.mov.chacha.enc (*encrypted – keep safe!*)

- ⚠ **Lost password = lost file.** Encryption is irreversible without the correct password.
- 💡 Use long, memorable passwords with letters, numbers, and symbols.
- 📄 Each encrypted file uses **ChaCha20-Poly1305**, optimized for Apple Silicon.

Decrypting Files

Decrypting is just as simple as encrypting — **no menus or settings needed.**

- 🖱 **Double-click** any encrypted file (.chacha.enc, .gcm.enc, or .enc) → **Encrypt-TAO** will open automatically.
- 🔑 **Enter your password** when prompted.
- ✓ The original file will be restored **in the same folder** as the encrypted one.

💡 **Tip:** You can keep the encrypted file for backup — it stays secure even after decryption.

⚠ **Wrong password = decryption fails.** Passwords are case-sensitive.

Best Practices

Encrypting Multiple Files

- You can drag several files or folders at once – each encrypted copy is saved next to its source.
- All use the same password for that session.

Tip

- Use long passwords (16+ characters).
- Test decryption before deleting originals.
- Keep encrypted backups in safe locations.

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