



Color the Sky

User Guide

[Install, browse and fly.](#)

Curated liveries for MSFS 2020 & MSFS 2024, one click away.

Welcome to HUES

HUES is a desktop app that finds, installs, and updates high-quality add-ons for Microsoft Flight Simulator 2020 and 2024 — automatically. This guide walks you through setup and the settings that keep everything working smoothly.

You should already have downloaded the HUES setup file. If not, grab it from hues-hub.com.

1. Installing HUES

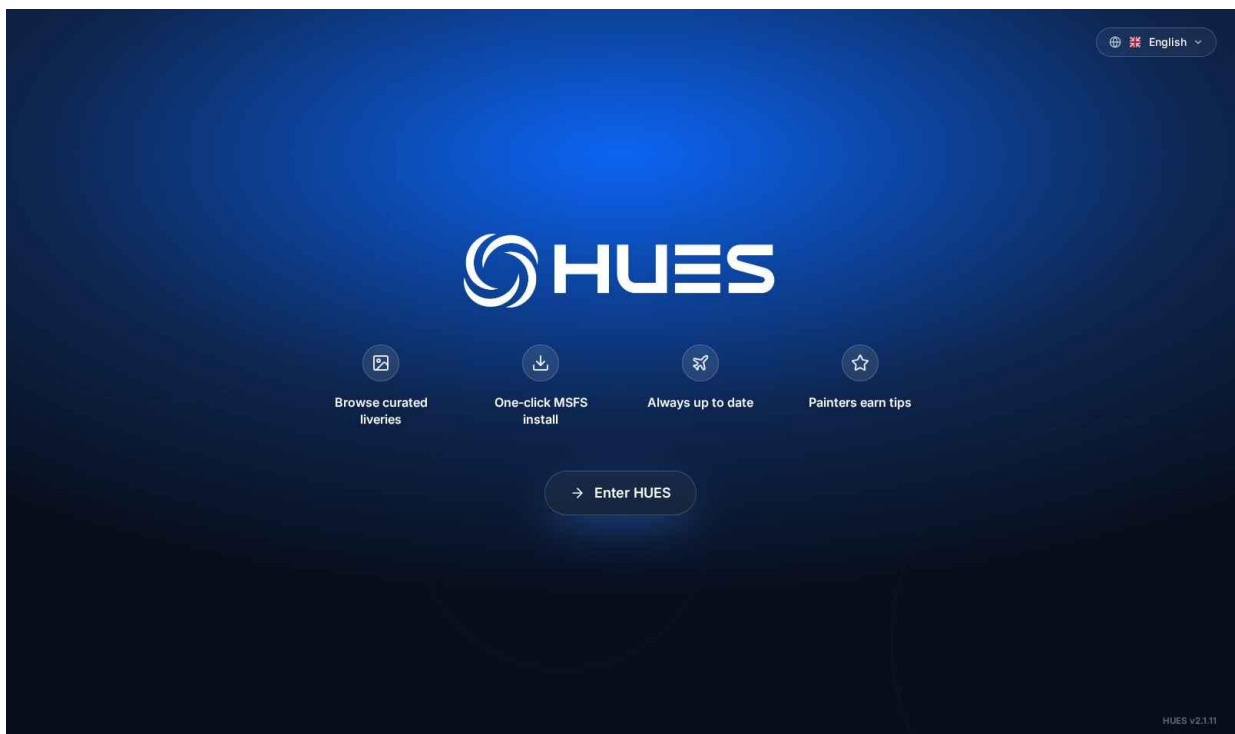
HUES ships as a standard Windows installer. If Windows or your antivirus flags it, that's normal for new indie apps — click More info → Run anyway.

1. Double-click HUES-Setup.exe.
2. If Windows SmartScreen appears, click More info → Run anyway.
3. If prompted by User Account Control (UAC), click Yes.
4. Choose an install location (the default is fine) and click Install.
5. When install completes, tick Launch HUES and click Finish.

Where does it install? By default HUES installs to C:\Users\<you>\AppData\Local\Programs\HUES. It does not touch your MSFS Community folder until you install a livery.

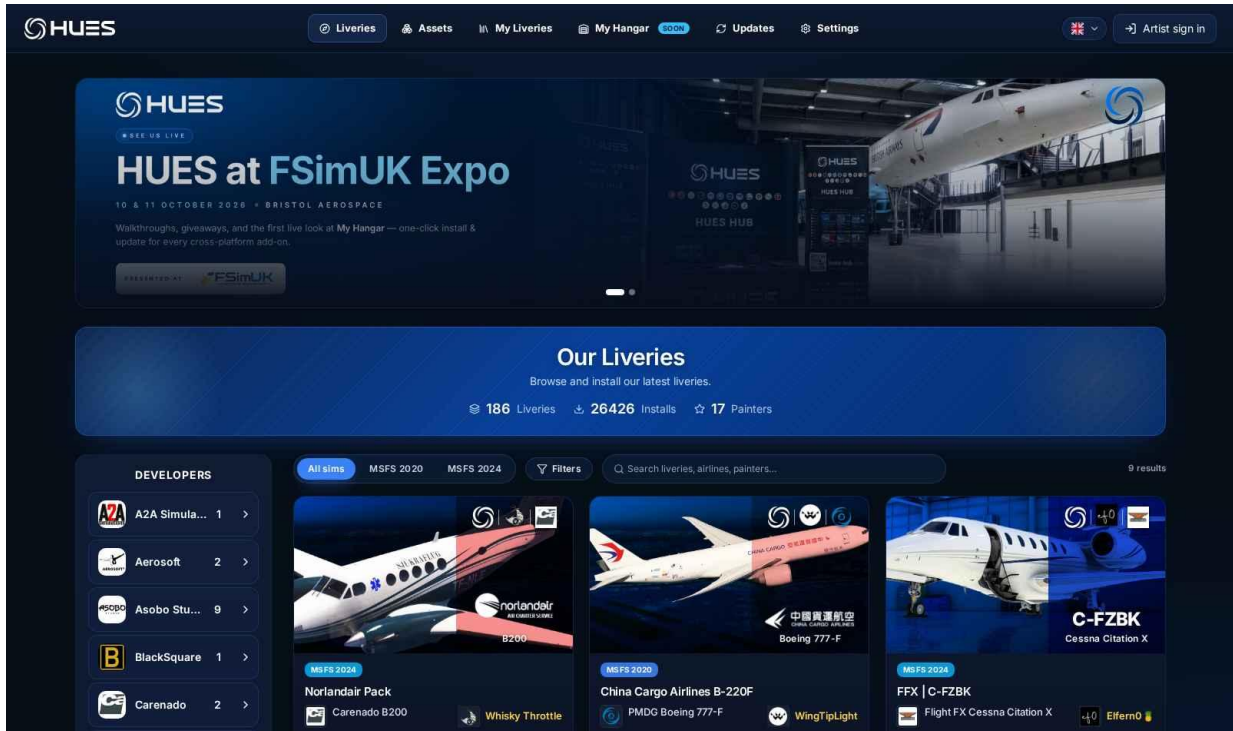
2. First launch

The first time you open HUES you'll see this welcome screen:



The first-launch welcome screen.

Click Enter HUES to go through to the app. You'll land on the Discover page — the main livery catalogue.

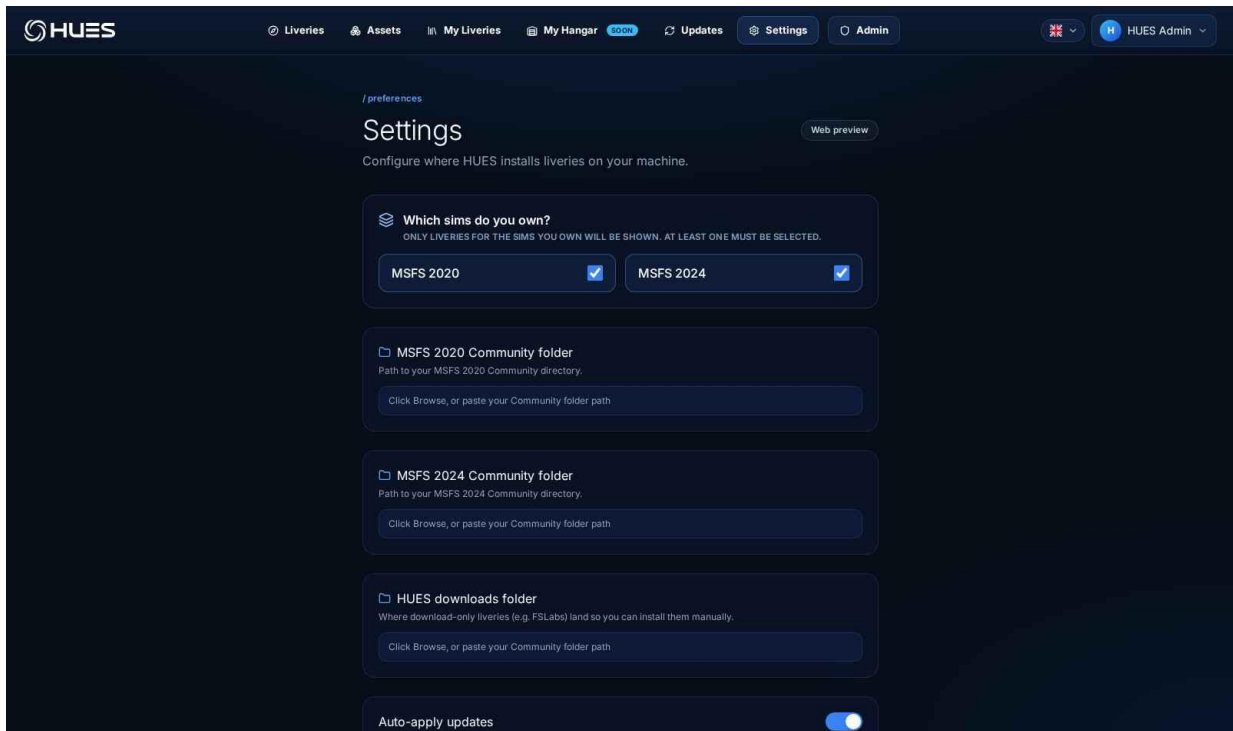


The Discover catalogue.

3. Setting HUES up correctly

Before you install your first livery, spend two minutes on the Settings page. Getting this right up-front means every install after it 'just works'.

Click Settings in the top navigation. You'll see this:



Settings — top section.

Step 3.1 — Choose your sims

Under Which sims do you own?, tick MSFS 2020, MSFS 2024, or both. HUES will only show you liveries that work for the sims you own — no more scrolling past incompatible packs.

You must tick at least one — If you untick both, the catalogue will be empty.

Step 3.2 — Point HUES at your Community folder

This is the folder MSFS reads add-ons from. HUES installs liveries here and needs to know where it is on your PC.

For each sim you own:

6. Click the Community folder field for that sim.
7. In the file picker, navigate to your MSFS Community folder and click Select folder.
8. The path will appear in the box, confirming it's saved.

Where is my Community folder?

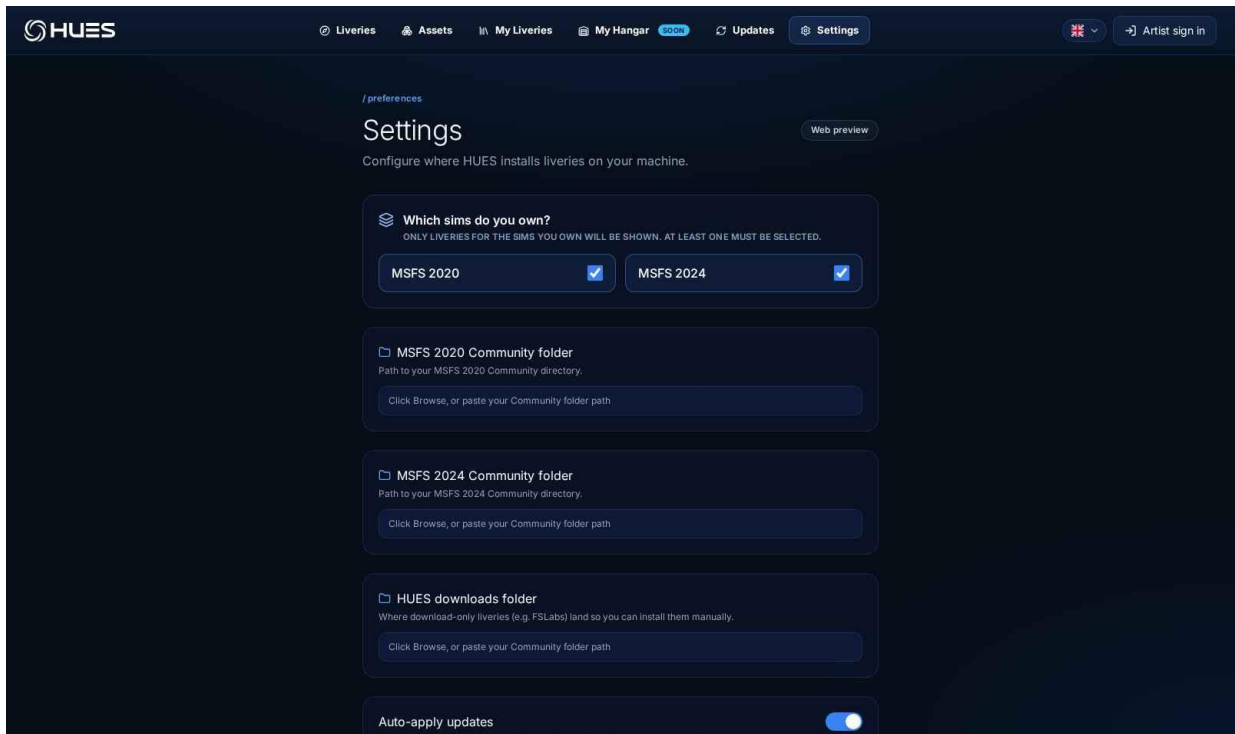
The location depends on how you bought MSFS. Common paths:

- MS Store / Xbox Game Pass (2020):
%LOCALAPPDATA%\Packages\Microsoft.FlightSimulator_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalCache\Packages\Community
- Steam (2020): %APPDATA%\Microsoft Flight Simulator\Packages\Community
- MS Store / Xbox Game Pass (2024):
%LOCALAPPDATA%\Packages\Microsoft.Limitless_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalCache\Packages\Community
- Steam (2024): %APPDATA%\Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024\Packages\Community

Not sure? Open MSFS → General Options → Developers → set Developer Mode ON → the Community folder path is shown at the top of the sim's window title bar. Turn Developer Mode back off after.

Step 3.3 — Optional: HUES downloads folder

Some liveries (e.g. FSLabs / third-party paid add-ons) need to be installed manually. HUES drops those into your downloads folder ready for you. If you don't set one, HUES uses %USERPROFILE%\Downloads\HUES.



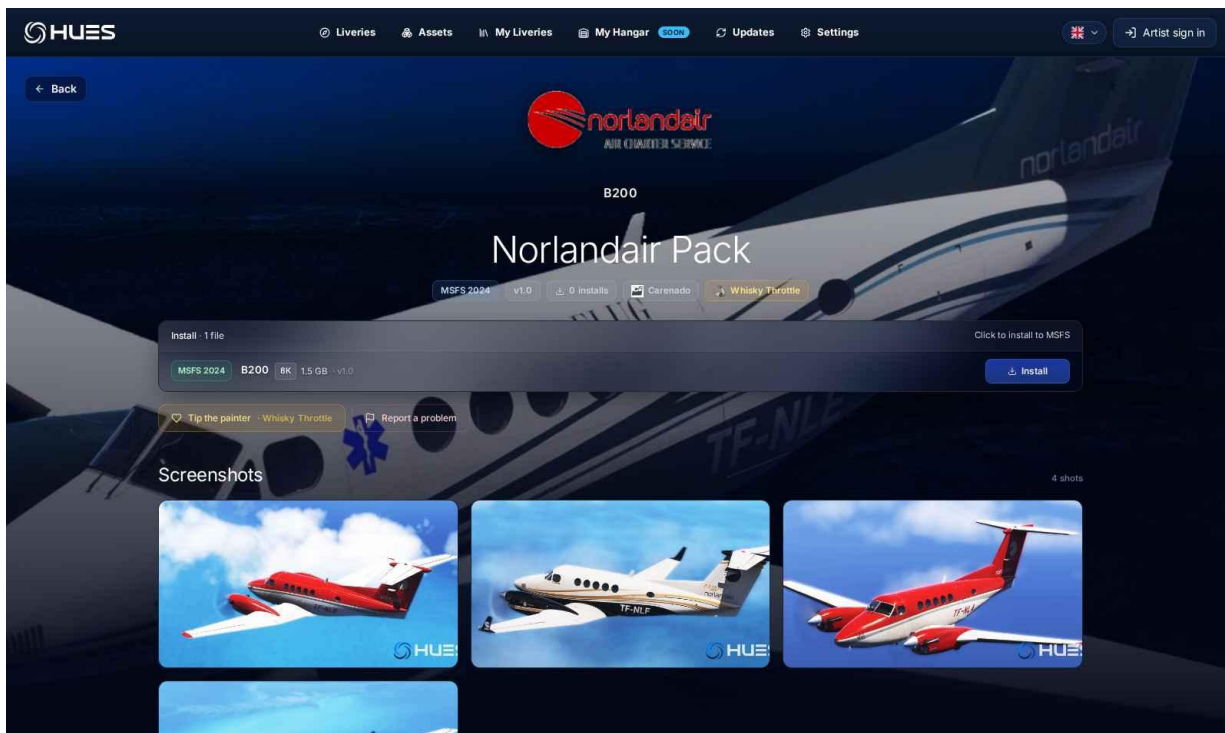
Settings — scrolled to show all folder fields.

Step 3.4 — Auto-apply updates

Leave this ON (the default). When a painter publishes a new version of a livery you've installed, HUES swaps it in for you the next time you open the app. No manual re-downloading.

4. Installing your first livery

Head back to Liveries in the top nav. Click any card to open its detail page:



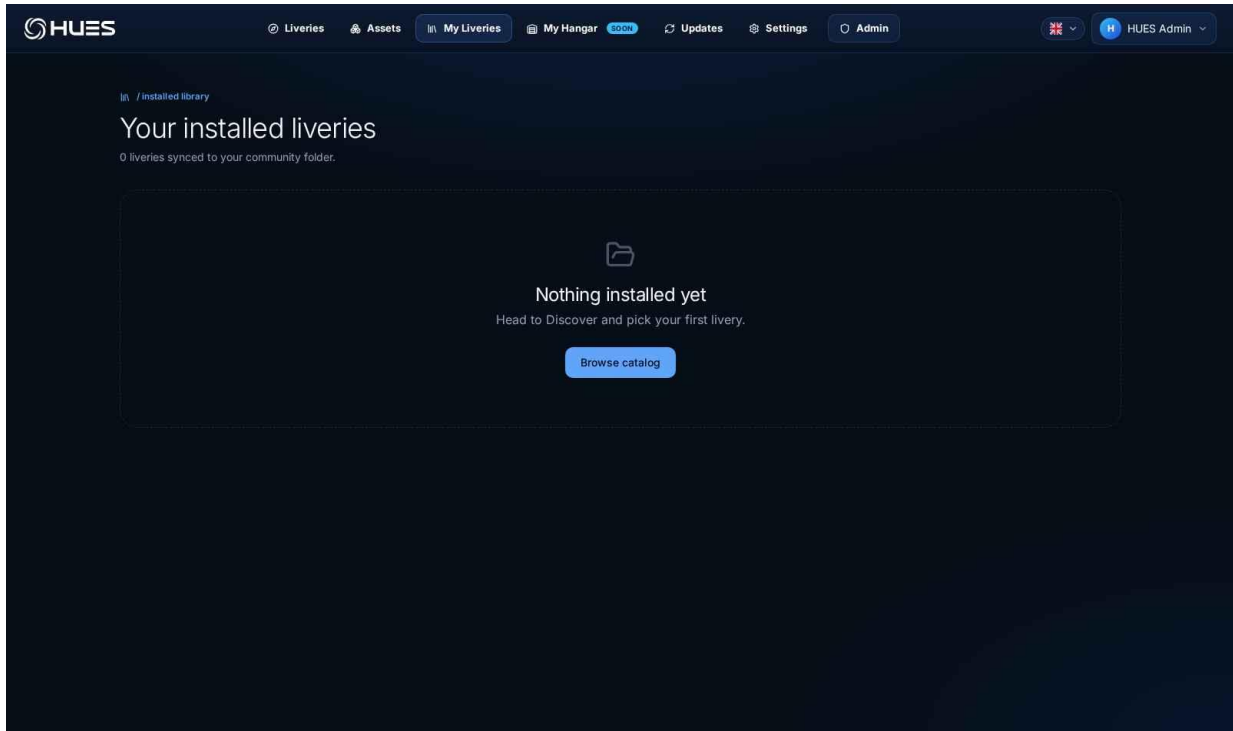
A livery detail page — big blue Install button on the right.

9. Read the description, aircraft compatibility, and check the screenshots.
10. If it works for you, click Install.
11. HUES downloads the pack, extracts it into your Community folder, and shows a green tick when it's done.
12. Restart MSFS (or reload the Content Manager) — the aircraft will appear in the sim's aircraft picker.

Already flying? You can install liveries while MSFS is running, but you'll need to return to the main menu (or re-select the aircraft) for the sim to see the new pack.

5. My Liveries & Updates

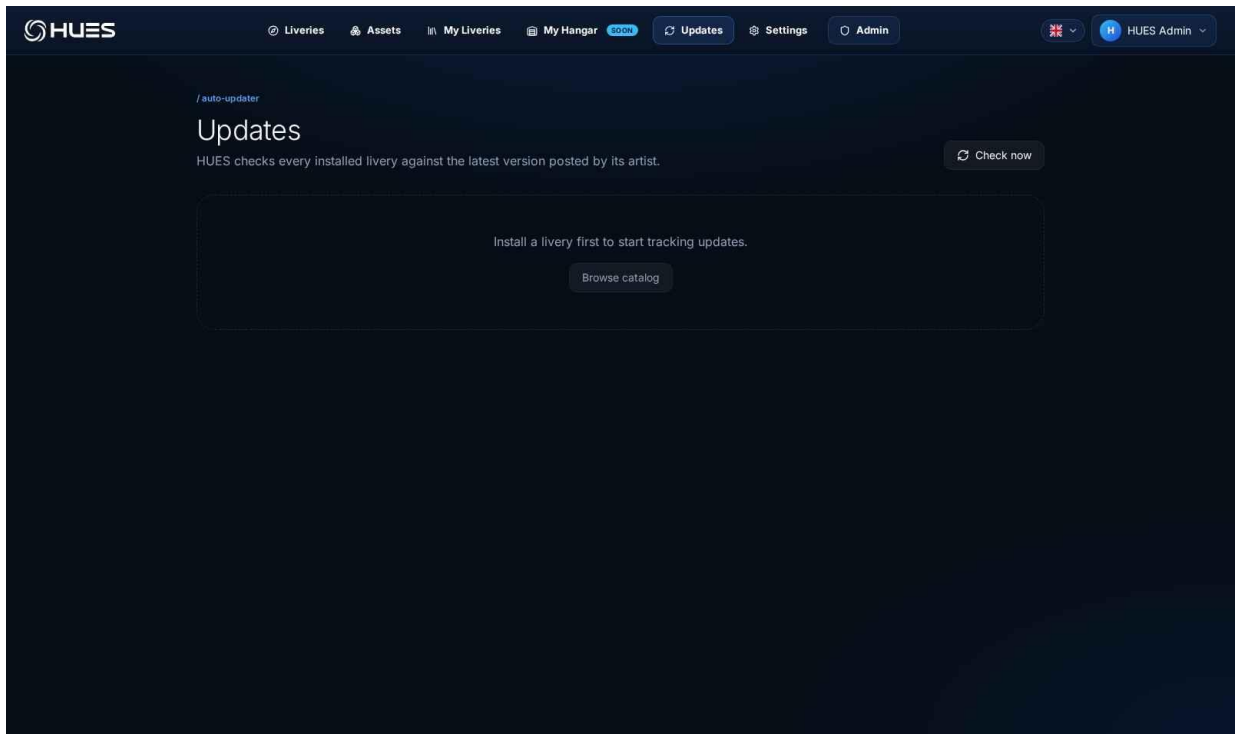
The My Liveries tab shows everything you've installed:



My Liveries — your installed catalog.

From here you can uninstall, open the livery in File Explorer, or jump to its detail page. Uninstalling removes the folder from your Community folder cleanly — no leftovers.

The Updates tab shows liveries whose painters have released a new version:



Updates — HUES checks nightly.

If Auto-apply updates is on (Settings), HUES handles this in the background. Otherwise click Check now or update individual liveries from here.

6. Troubleshooting

"Community folder not found"

- Open Settings → confirm the path exists and points at a folder called Community.
- If the path shows in red or looks stale, click the field and re-select the folder.

Install failed halfway through

- Check you have at least 5 GB free on the drive containing your Community folder.
- Antivirus can block extraction — temporarily whitelist the HUES folder.
- Retry the install — HUES resumes from where it left off.

Livery doesn't appear in MSFS

- In MSFS, open Content Manager and confirm the required base aircraft is installed and up to date.
- Restart MSFS fully — some liveries only load on cold start.
- In HUES, click the livery → Open in Explorer to verify files are present.

Still stuck?

Head to hues-hub.com/support or DM us in the HUES Discord. Include a screenshot of the error and the livery name — we'll get you flying.