

Mastering The Callisto Protocol: Final Transmission DLC Walkthrough Guide

When Striking Distance Studios released the Final Transmission DLC for The Callisto Protocol, it gave players a reason to return to the horrors of Black Iron Prison. As someone who has spent countless hours on the original campaign and the DLC, I can tell you that this expansion is not just another chapter, it is a concentrated dose of survival horror that demands precision, patience, and a deep understanding of the game's mechanics.

The Final Transmission DLC picks up after the events of the main story, placing you back in the shoes of Jacob Lee. But this time, the stakes are higher. The biophage outbreak has spread further, and the prison is more dangerous than ever. For players attempting a no damage run on hardcore difficulty, this DLC presents a unique challenge that tests every skill you have honed in the base game.



Let me share what I have learned from multiple playthroughs, including a 4K resolution walkthrough that captures every gruesome detail. Whether you are a completionist hunting

collectibles or a player aiming for that flawless no damage run, this guide will help you navigate the corridors of Black Iron Prison with confidence.

Understanding the Final Transmission DLC

The [Final Transmission DLC](#) is not a standalone experience. It expects you to have completed the main campaign and be familiar with the combat system, the GRP (Grip) mechanics, and the enemy types. The DLC introduces new areas of Black Iron Prison that were previously inaccessible, and the narrative ties directly into the ending of the base game. If you have not finished the main story, you will miss context that makes the DLC's events meaningful.

Krafton, the publisher, gave Striking Distance Studios the freedom to expand the lore of The Callisto Protocol with this DLC. The result is a tighter, more focused experience that emphasizes the survival horror roots of the franchise. The developers clearly listened to community feedback: the DLC reduces the frequency of forced stealth sections and increases the emphasis on melee combat and resource management. This is a welcome change for players who found the original game's pacing uneven.

Preparing for Hardcore Difficulty

If you are planning a no damage run on hardcore difficulty, preparation is everything. The Final Transmission DLC throws tougher enemies at you, and healing items are scarce. Here is what I recommend before you begin:

- Complete the main campaign on hardcore difficulty first. The DLC assumes you can handle the core mechanics.
- Collect all GRP upgrades in the base game. These carry over into the DLC and give you essential combat options.
- Memorize enemy attack patterns. The biophage in the DLC have new variations that punish hesitation.
- Optimize your weapon loadout. The GRP is your best friend for crowd control, but keep a ranged weapon for distant threats.
- Plan your route. The DLC has multiple paths, and knowing which ones lead to collectibles versus combat encounters saves time and health.

For a 4K walkthrough, I found that the DLC's lighting and environmental design are stunning. The corridors of Black Iron Prison are dark, but the contrast between the dim interiors and the occasional glimpses of outer space through broken windows creates an oppressive atmosphere. Playing in 4K resolution makes these details pop, and it also helps you spot collectibles that blend into the shadows.

Navigating Black Iron Prison

The Final Transmission DLC takes place in a section of Black Iron Prison that was sealed off during the main story. The layout is labyrinthine, with multiple floors and interconnected rooms. The developers added verticality to the level design, forcing you to use the environment for tactical advantages. For example, there are ledges you can jump to for a better vantage point, but positioning yourself too high can leave you exposed to ranged attacks from biophage that have adapted to throw projectiles.

One of the hardest sections in the DLC involves a long corridor with multiple biophage ambushes. On hardcore difficulty, a single hit from a heavy enemy can cost you your no damage run. I learned to use the GRP sparingly here, grabbing a weaker enemy and throwing it into a group can stagger them, giving you time to reposition. But overusing the GRP drains your energy, so you need to balance offense and defense carefully.

Combat Strategies for a No Damage Run

The combat in The Callisto Protocol is a blend of third-person shooter and melee combat, with a heavy emphasis on timing. The Final Transmission DLC tests your ability to parry and dodge. I have logged dozens of hours on this game, and I still find the DLC's enemy combinations challenging. Here are some strategies that worked for me:



- Master the parry timing. Each enemy type has a tell before it attacks. The biophage in the DLC have slightly different animations, so practice in the earlier sections.
- Use the environment. Explosive barrels and environmental hazards can clear groups without risking direct damage.
- Prioritize targets. In rooms with multiple enemies, take out the ranged ones first. Melee enemies are easier to kite.
- Save your GRP for emergencies. A well-timed grab can interrupt a boss attack, but using it recklessly leaves you vulnerable.
- Learn the boss patterns. The DLC's final boss has three phases, and each phase requires a different approach. Patience is key.

I cannot overstate the importance of memorizing collectible locations for a complete walkthrough. The Final Transmission DLC has several audio logs and lore documents that expand the backstory of Black Iron Prison and the outbreak. Finding them all requires careful exploration, and some are hidden behind puzzles or in rooms that are easy to miss. If you are following a 4K walkthrough, pause frequently to scan the environment. The developers hid collectibles in plain sight, but the dark lighting makes them easy to overlook.

The Story and Atmosphere

The Final Transmission DLC deepens the mystery of The Callisto Protocol. Without spoiling anything, the narrative focuses on Jacob Lee's struggle to contain the biophage threat and uncover the truth behind the outbreak. The DLC's ending ties directly into the events that hint at a larger universe involving Jupiter and Europa. Fans of the lore will appreciate the new details about the GRP's origins and the role of outer space in the game's mythology.

The atmosphere in the DLC is even more claustrophobic than the base game. The sound design deserves special mention: the echoes of footsteps in metal corridors, the guttural sounds of the biophage, and the distant hum of the prison's systems all contribute to a sense of dread. Playing with headphones in 4K resolution is the best way to experience this. The visual fidelity combined with the audio cues makes for an immersive survival horror experience.

Final Thoughts on the Final Transmission DLC

The Final Transmission DLC is a worthy addition to The Callisto Protocol. It offers a challenging experience for veterans and rewards players who have mastered the game's mechanics. For those attempting a no damage run on hardcore difficulty, the DLC provides a fresh set of obstacles that will test your reflexes and strategic thinking. The collectibles add replay value, and the story expansion gives closure to Jacob Lee's journey in Black Iron Prison.

If you are planning a walkthrough of the complete edition, I recommend tackling the DLC after you have completed the main campaign and feel comfortable with the combat. The transition to the DLC's increased difficulty is smoother if you have already earned all upgrades. And for the purists out there, yes, a no damage run is possible, but it requires near-perfect execution. I have done it, and I can tell you that the satisfaction of seeing the credits roll without a single hit is worth the effort.

Striking Distance Studios and Krafton have delivered a DLC that respects the player's time and skill. The Final Transmission DLC is not a padded experience; it is a focused, intense addition that stands alongside the best survival horror expansions. Whether you are hunting for every collectible or aiming for that flawless run, Black Iron Prison has one last secret to share with you.