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Not bundling as such but bundling a GPL plugin with a non-GPL program (workbench/icon.library) would be breaking the GPL license, at least according to the xvidcore developers:

<http://www.xvid.org/FAQ.42.0.html>

I went and asked this same question to an FSF lawyer some time ago. His answer was that it was not strictly against the GPL but it was highly frowned upon.

The primary reason the lawyer gave me was that the FSF does not want software users to be confused. Either software is "free" (as in freedom) or it is not. Therefore, the FSF don't want GPL software distributed with non-GPL software to avoid confusion.

So it really depends on how much you support the concept of "free" software. If you were a true GPL idealist, you would never use non-free software and you would always include the full source code along with any binaries without exception. Anything else would be selling out.

Personally, I like to think most users are smart enough to figure out which software is free or not and then decide for themselves sans the lawyers.