

fBox Console

Virtual Analogue Mixing Console (Plugin)

VST3 plugin for Windows

A 32-channel mixing desk that runs inside your recording software. This is the big one, and it is entirely optional. Nothing else in fBox depends on it.

Installing it

This zip holds three things: a **.vst3** file, this guide, and the full PDF manual. Copy the **.vst3** into:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3

Then restart your recording software, or find the rescan button in its plugin preferences. It will not appear until you do.

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Getting a sound in two minutes

- 1 Put fBox Console on a track.
- 2 Give that track enough channels for the console channels you need, and route your source tracks into the plugin's inputs.
- 3 Click a channel strip to open it larger in the Focus Window on the left.
- 4 Use TRIM near the top of the strip to set working level. Aim for peaks around -12 to -6 dBFS.
- 5 Use the fader for balance, and start the transport to hear it.

The header shows DAW Ins: N, the number of inputs your software is feeding. If a strip reads No DAW Input in red, nothing is routed to it yet. Click Scan Plugins in the header before loading anything into an insert slot.

New to mixing?

TRIM sets how hard the signal drives the channel, the fader sets how loud it sits in the mix, and you want level roughly right with TRIM before you start balancing with faders.

Everything else is flavour you can add slowly once the balance is there. Keep every move small: the console's sound comes from many stages interacting gently, not from one big move.

You do not need the rest of it

fBox is a whole studio, but nothing in it depends on anything else. Every plugin works on its own, on one track, in whatever software you already use. **fBox Console** is a 32-channel mixing desk and **fBox Rack** is a channel strip that hosts other plugins. Both are worth having and neither is a hub the rest runs through. Leave them until you want them.

The full manual is in this zip and goes far deeper, control by control. Installation help is at fboxaudio.com/install.html. Stuck on any step? Email info@fboxaudio.com and tell us exactly which one.