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fBox Rack

Modular Insert Chain

VST3 plugin for Windows

One plugin that holds up to eight other plugins, with a preamp in front and a console output stage behind. A channel strip you assemble yourself.

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 Rack on a track.
- 2 Click Scan Plugins and choose the folder where your plugins are installed. The rack lists what it finds.
- 3 Click the + button on any slot to load a plugin from the list.
- 4 Click the plugin name to open its own editor in a floating window.
- 5 Choose a preamp mode and a console colour to taste.

The rack starts transparent. Clean preamp and Clean console pass audio with no colour. Add stages one at a time and A/B them with the bypass buttons.

New to mixing?

Input Trim sets how hard the signal drives the rack, and the slot Level and Output Trim knobs set how loud it sits. Get the level roughly right before you start adding character.

Keep every move small. The rack's sound comes from many gentle stages adding up, not from one big move. Each is barely there on its own; together they are the difference between a stack of plugins and something that sounds like it went through a desk.

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.

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