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# fDrone

*Drone Generator and Signal Mangler*

VST3 plugin for Windows

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A drone synthesiser, a signal mangler and a ring modulator in one box. It makes sound out of nothing, so it does not need a clip on the track.

## 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 fDrone on a track.
- 2 Set Mode to DRONE.
- 3 Press Generate. It lights red.
- 4 Press Play. You should hear a steady tone around 80 Hz.
- 5 Add Layers, Detune and Layer Amp for a thicker sound, then Drift and Wander for movement.

Mode is the big fork. DRONE makes sound from nothing, MIX runs your own audio through the box, RING is the wild metallic one. It follows your transport, so it sounds while you are rolling and fades when you stop.

## Where to begin

Start in DRONE with everything at default, press Generate, and turn one knob at a time so you learn what each does. Use your ears, not your eyes. Small moves add up.

Some recording software stops running an effect when the track has no audio on it. If a drone goes silent, put a long silent clip on the track, or load fDrone on an instrument track instead.

## 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.

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

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