

fEq

Equaliser and Tone Processor

VST3 plugin for Windows

Six equalisers in one plugin. Each mode is a separate machine with its own layout, and each keeps its own settings, so you can audition all six on the same source without losing any of them.

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 fEq on a track or a bus.
- 2 Pick a mode from the Mode selector. If you are not sure, start with Hybrid.
- 3 Switch a band In, set its frequency, and turn its gain.
- 4 Watch the IN and OUT meters and use the trims to keep the level sensible.
- 5 Use the mode's Bypass to A/B what you have done.

Hybrid or Surgical for cleaning up a track, Passive or Inductor for making something sound bigger, Air for the top end only, Bus for a whole mix.

New to EQ?

Two rules get you most of the way. Cut narrow, boost wide: a problem is usually one small spot, but a sound you want more of usually needs a broad lift. And listen in the mix, not on its own.

Make the sound smaller before you make it bigger. Take out what is in the way first and you will need far less boosting afterwards. Small moves stack: four bands doing 2 dB each sound more natural than one band doing 8 dB.

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.