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fSat

Multi-Mode Saturation

VST3 plugin for Windows

Eight saturators in one plugin. Every mode starts at 0% Drive, so a fresh instance is deliberately doing very little until you move something.

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 fSat on a track.
- 2 Pick a mode. Silk is the safest place to start and Glow is the friendliest.
- 3 Turn Drive up until you hear it working.
- 4 Bring the level back with Output.
- 5 A/B against Bypass.

Diode and Fuzz are the exceptions to the rule above. Both are already distorting before you touch anything, because a pedal that is switched on is distorting whether or not you have turned it up.

New to saturation?

When a circuit is asked for more than it can cleanly give, it stops reproducing the waveform exactly and starts rounding it off. Those rounded edges are new harmonics that were not in the source, and they are what makes a sound seem warm, thick, present or broken.

There is no correct setting and no meter that tells you when you have arrived. Turn Drive up until you like it, then set the output level to match what you started with.

Mix is the other half of the trick. Drive hard, then bring Mix back to 40 to 60%. You get the harmonics with the original transients still intact underneath.

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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