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fTape

Multi-Mode Tape Machine

VST3 plugin for Windows

Six tape machines in one plugin. Every machine arrives with the tape already running, so you should hear it working straight away.

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 fTape on a track.
- 2 Pick a machine from the Mode selector. Home Deck is where fTape opens and the most obviously tape of the six.
- 3 Play something.
- 4 Turn Rec Level up until it thickens the way you want, then set Output to match.
- 5 A/B against Bypass.

Try Home Deck at 7.5 IPS, Rec Level around 55% and Mix at 100%. For something more obvious, drop the Speed switch and push Rec Level to 75%.

Rec Level sets the level as well as the sound

Rec Level is the main control on every machine and it does two jobs at once. It drives the record head, which is where the saturation, the compression and the thickening come from, and it changes how loud the machine is.

Low settings are quiet and clean, high settings are loud and thick, and fTape does not compensate for the difference. Set Rec Level for the sound you want, then bring Output down until the output meter reads about where the input meter does, and only then decide whether you like it.

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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