SOMBINÁRIO

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# INSTALLATION AND ACTIVATION GUIDE

From download to the first sound in your DAW. Windows and macOS, step by step, nothing skipped.

**SOMBINÁRIO PLUGINS**

BITEEQ · DYNAVOICE · FERRODRIVE · HATOFF · SUBLOCK · VCA PUNCH

BEFORE YOU START

# THREE MINUTES AND THE PLUGIN IS IN YOUR DAW.

This guide covers every SomBinário plugin. Read the chapter for your system, then the one on activation. The rest is for reference, in case something doesn't go as expected.

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## WHAT YOU NEED

SomBinário plugins are effects: they run inside your DAW, like any other plugin in your session. Check that your computer is on the list below before installing.

| SYSTEM | REQUIREMENT | FORMATS |
|---|---|---|
| **Windows** | Windows 10 or 11, 64-bit | VST3 |
| **macOS** | macOS 12 (Monterey) or later · Apple Silicon and Intel | VST3, AU and AAX (Pro Tools) |
| **Internet** | Only to activate and, every now and then, to confirm the license | — |

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## WHAT COMES IN THE DOWNLOAD

After your purchase, the download link is in the order confirmation email and also under **My account › Downloads** on the website. Your **license key** arrives in the same email and is kept under **My account › License keys**.

| SYSTEM | FILE | CONTENTS |
|---|---|---|
| **Windows** | `.zip` | The `PluginName.vst3` folder and this guide |
| **macOS** | `.pkg` | An installer that puts VST3, AU and AAX in the right folders |

> KEEP YOUR KEY SAFE
>
> The key looks like `SMB-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX` and works on up to **three computers** at the same time. You'll need it again if you change computers or reinstall your system.

INSTALLING ON WINDOWS

# ONE FOLDER, ONE RIGHT PLACE.

On Windows, the plugin is a folder. Installing it means putting that folder where every DAW looks for VST3 plugins.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO HERE

01 Extract the zip the right way

02 Copy the plugin to the standard VST3 folder

03 Get your DAW to find the new plugin

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# INSTALLING THE VST3

01 **Close your DAW.** It only looks for new plugins when it starts.

02 Right-click the downloaded `.zip` file and choose **Extract All...**. Confirm with **Extract**.

03 Inside the extracted folder, find the `PluginName.vst3` folder, for example `FerroDrive.vst3`. Copy that whole folder.

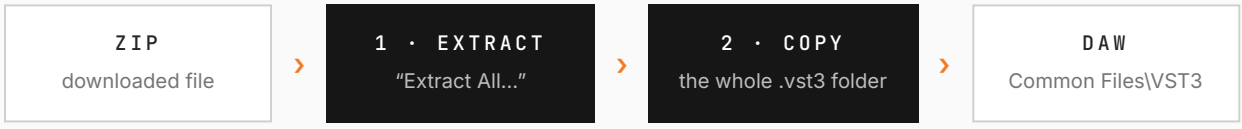
04 Open File Explorer, paste the address below into the address bar and press Enter:

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C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3
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05 Paste the folder there. If Windows asks for administrator permission, click **Continue**.

06 Open your DAW. If the plugin isn't in the list, run a new plugin scan, as shown on the next page.

FROM DOWNLOAD TO DAW · THE PATH OF THE PLUGIN




COMMON MISTAKE ON WINDOWS

**Copying only the file inside the folder.** The `FerroDrive.vst3` folder is the whole plugin: it holds other folders your DAW needs to find together. Always copy the complete `.vst3` folder, and **never open the plugin straight from inside the zip** without extracting it.

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# GETTING YOUR DAW TO FIND IT

Most DAWs find the plugin on their own the next time they start. If it doesn't show up, ask for a new scan. Menus can change a little between versions, but the path is this:

| DAW | WHERE TO SCAN |
|---|---|
| **Reaper** | Options › Preferences › Plug-ins › VST › **Re-scan** |
| **Cubase / Nuendo** | Studio › VST Plug-in Manager › **Update** (refresh icon) |
| **Studio One** | Options › Locations › VST Plug-ins › **Scan at startup**, then restart |
| **FL Studio** | Options › Manage plugins › **Find installed plugins** |
| **Ableton Live** | Settings › Plug-Ins › turn on **Use VST3 Plug-In System Folders** › **Rescan** |
| **Bitwig** | Settings › Locations › the standard VST3 folder is already included |

> YOUR DAW USES ANOTHER FOLDER?
>
> If you set up your own plugin folder, paste the `.vst3` folder there instead of `Common Files\VST3`. What matters is that your DAW is looking at the same folder where the plugin is.

> WATCH OUT WITH OLD DAWS
>
> **The plugins are 64-bit.** They don't show up in 32-bit DAWs, which are rare these days. If your DAW is very old, update it before installing.

INSTALLING ON MACOS

# DOUBLE-CLICK. THE INSTALLER DOES THE REST.

On the Mac, the installer puts each format in the right folder: VST3, Audio Unit for Logic and AAX for Pro Tools.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO HERE

01 Run the installer and choose the formats

02 Know where each format is installed

03 Get Logic and Pro Tools to recognize the plugin

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## RUNNING THE INSTALLER

01 **Close your DAW.**

02 Double-click the `.pkg` installer you downloaded. Its name starts with `Sombinario-` followed by the plugin name.

03 Go through the screens. Under **Installation Type › Customize** you can untick the formats you don't use. All three come ticked.

04 Enter your Mac's password when asked. It's needed to install plugins in the system folder.

05 Open your DAW. The plugin is already in the list.

The installer is signed and checked by Apple, so it opens with no security warning. Each format goes to the standard macOS folder:

| FORMAT | USED BY | FOLDER |
|---|---|---|
| **VST3** | Cubase, Reaper, Live... | `/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3` |
| **Audio Unit** | Logic Pro, GarageBand... | `/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components` |
| **AAX** | Pro Tools | `/Library/Application Support/Avid/Audio/Plug-Ins` |

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## LOGIC AND PRO TOOLS

**Logic Pro:** the first time it opens after the installation, Logic validates the new plugin. That takes a few seconds. If it doesn't show up, open **Logic Pro › Settings › Plug-in Manager**, select the plugin and click **Reset & Rescan Selection**.

**Pro Tools:** the plugin shows up in the insert menu, under its effect category. If Pro Tools was open during the installation, quit and open it again.

ACTIVATION

# TRY IT FREELY. ACTIVATE WHEN YOU OWN IT.

The first time you open the plugin, the activation screen appears. From there you can try it for 14 days or activate your license.

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WHAT YOU WILL DO HERE

01 Start the 14-day trial

02 Activate your license key

03 Use it on up to three computers and move between them

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## 14-DAY TRIAL

On the activation screen, click **Start 14-day trial**. The plugin is fully unlocked for that period, and a badge at the bottom shows how many days are left. The trial only needs the internet at the moment you start it, and it can be used once per computer for each plugin.

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## ACTIVATING YOUR KEY

01 Copy the key from your purchase email or from **My account › License keys** on the website.

02 Open the plugin, paste the key into the **License key** field and click **Activate**. You need to be online.

03 Done: the activation screen goes away and the plugin is unlocked for good.

Once activated, the plugin also works normally without the internet. Every now and then, when there's a connection, it confirms the license in the background without interrupting your work.

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## THREE COMPUTERS

Each key activates the plugin on up to **three computers** at the same time, for example your studio, your laptop and your home machine. Reinstalled your system? Activate again with the same key: the system recognizes the computer and doesn't use up a new seat.

To move the license to another computer, free the seat on the old one with the plugin's **License...** option and click **Deactivate this computer**:

| PLUGIN | WHERE TO FIND LICENSE |
|---|---|
| **FerroDrive** | Three-line menu, top right corner |
| **BiteEQ** | Options menu |
| **HatOff, Dynavoice, SubLock** | Bottom of the presets menu |
| **VCA Punch** | Bottom of the presets menu (“Licenca...”) |

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# IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

### THE PLUGIN IS MISSING FROM THE DAW

On Windows, check that the whole `.vst3` folder is in `C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3` and run the scan on page 6. On the Mac, quit and reopen your DAW. In Logic, use the Plug-in Manager.

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### “LICENSE KEY NOT FOUND”

Copy the key straight from the email or from My account, dashes included. It starts with `SMB-`. Make sure there's no extra space at the start or the end.

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### “THIS KEY BELONGS TO A DIFFERENT PRODUCT”

Each plugin has its own key. Check in My account which key belongs to which plugin.

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### “3-COMPUTER LIMIT REACHED”

The message lists the names of the active computers. Deactivate one of them with the plugin's License option, on that computer. If it no longer exists, contact support and we'll free up the seat.

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### “COULD NOT REACH THE SERVER”

Activation needs the internet. Check your connection and, if you use a firewall or antivirus, allow your DAW to go online.

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### “THE TRIAL ON THIS COMPUTER HAS ALREADY BEEN USED”

The trial can be used once per computer for each plugin. To keep using it, activate your license key.

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### “SYSTEM CLOCK IS WRONG”

If your computer's date is wrong, the plugin asks you to fix it. Set the correct system date and time, then click Revalidate.

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# PLUGIN INSTALLED. NOW GO MIX.

Still have a question this guide didn't answer? Get in touch through the support page on our website, and tell us the plugin, your system and the DAW you use.

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