



PlexiTape

(VST, VST3, AU, AAX)

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PlexiTape is a faithful analog simulation of the Maestro® Echoplex® EP-3™ vintage tape echo that made THE SOUND of the 70s for its tone and reliability.

We put special care on modelling this unit on every aspect: motor, tape, FET preamplifier, heads and even the infamous “Sound On Sound” feature that allows you to use bypass the echo and use the tape as a looping recorder. Furthermore, we expanded it with new features including a full stereo double delay line, tempo sync and more.

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Specifications

- Analog Modelled Vintage Solid State Tape Echo
- Auxiliary Echo with Echo Pan for full stereo effects
- 3 Echo Modes: Echo, Off (Preamp + Tape colour only) and Sound On Sound
- 2 FET Preamp models: Early and Late
- 2 Playback Modes: Regular (with Varispeed) and Sync
- Varispeed from 3 to 15 IPS
- Echo Tone equalizer
- Delay Ducking
- Machine Age
- Internal hum noise (fully adjustable, for increased realism and self oscillation)
- Resizable interface

System Requirements

PC

- Windows 7 64bit or later
- Intel i5 or equivalent
- 2 GB RAM
- Screen resolution: 1024×768
- VST2, VST3, AAX 64-bit host

MAC

- OSX 10.8 or later
- Intel i5 or equivalent
- 2 GB RAM
- Screen resolution: 1024×768
- VST2, VST3, AU, AAX 64-bit host

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FILE LOCATIONS

Mac

All presets, license files and settings are located in:
/Users/Shared/Audiority/

AAX and VST plugins will be placed in their own Audiority sub-folder located in:

AAX: /Library/Application Support/Avid/Audio/Plug-Ins/Audiority

VST: /Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST/Audiority

PC

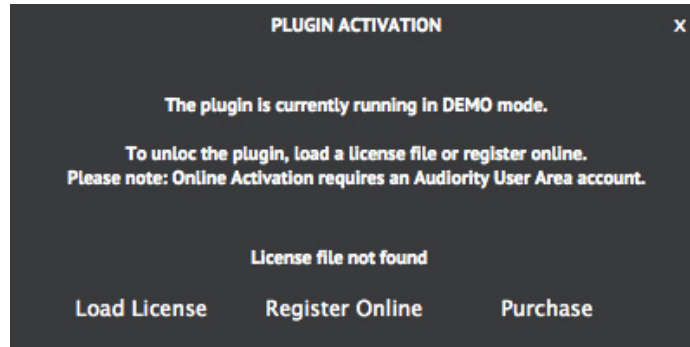
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AAX: C:\Program Files\Avid\Audio\Plug-Ins\Audiority

VST: {Your VST Path}\Audiority

PLUGIN ACTIVATION



Once you install and open the plugin for the first time, it will be in **Demo Mode** until a license file is loaded. In Demo Mode the plugin will output 3 seconds of silence every minute.

You can activate the plugin either OFFLINE or ONLINE.

OFFLINE ACTIVATION

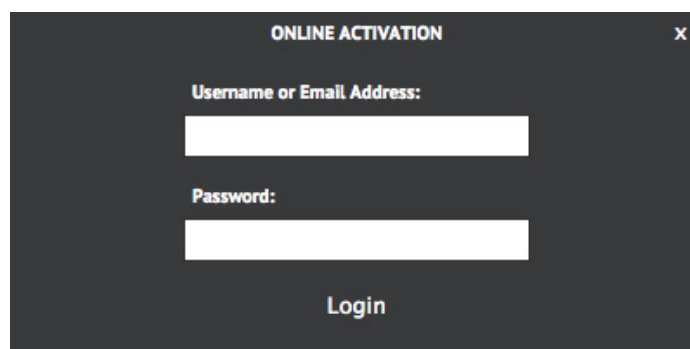
If you purchased the plugin from our site, you should have received an email to download the installers and the license file. Save the license file you got with your purchase email (or via our User Area) anywhere on your computer.

Then, to activate the plugin, click on the **Audiority** logo and select "**Register**". The Registration window will pop up allowing you to load the license file you got while purchasing the plugin by clicking the "**Load License**" button.

NOTE: If you purchased the plugin from one of our dealers, please check the "**USER AREA AND REDEEM CODES**" section below.

ONLINE ACTIVATION

If you are registered to our User Area, then you can activate the plugin online.



Insert your Username (or email address), your password and click the "**Login**" button. The license file will be automatically delivered in your computer and the plugin will be activated.

USER AREA AND REDEEM CODES

If you purchased from one of our dealers, then you should have received an email with a redeem code. This code is required to deposit a license in your User Area account and let you download the license file or activate the plugin online.

If you don't have an User Area account yet, please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to <https://www.audiority.com/register> and fill out the signup form.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to register with the **e-mail address you use for your purchases**, otherwise your products will not show. Since we use reCAPTCHA for registration only, please temporarily disable any ad blocker you are using.

Username

First Name

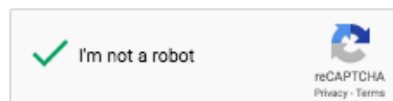
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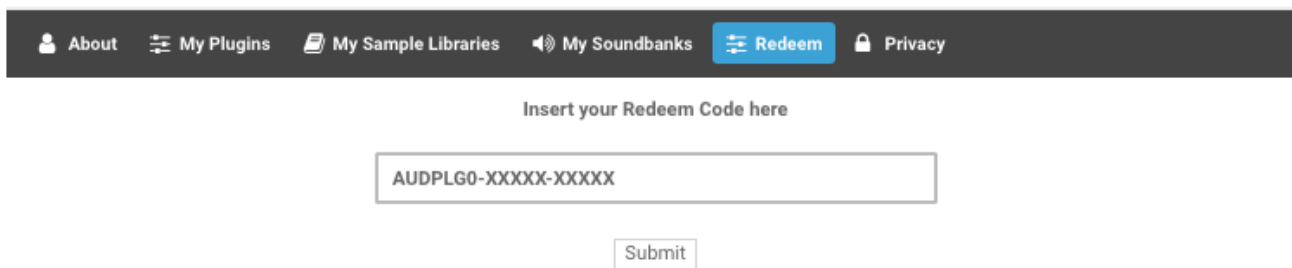
Password

Confirm Password

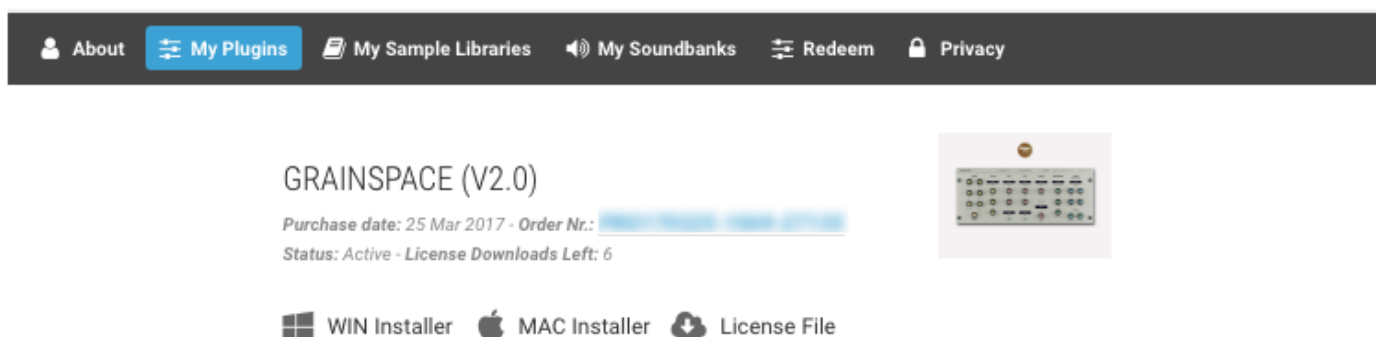
I read and agree to the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use



2) Once registered, log in to your account by clicking the User Area section of our site. Click the **REDEEM** section of your account and paste the code you received via email from our dealer.

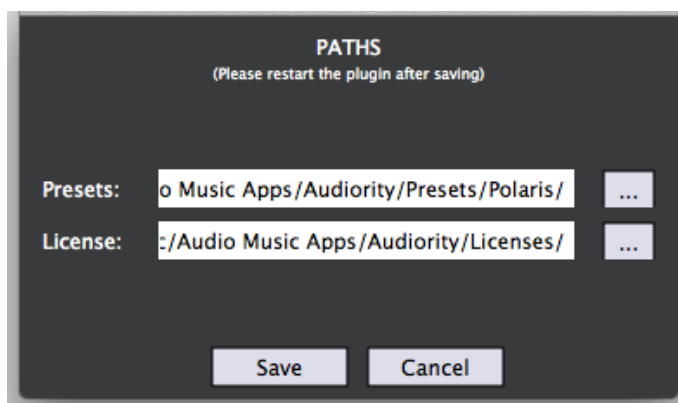


3) After submitting the code, a license will be deposited in your account and will be shown in “**MY PLUGINS**” section of your User Area.



4) Now you can click “License File” and save the license anywhere on your computer and ready to be loaded through the plugin registration window. You can also skip this part and activate your plugin online (see previous section of this manual).

USER PATHS SETTING



By selecting “**Settings**” from the logo menu, you can change the path for **Presets** and **License** folders.
Note: Please do not move the **Settings** folder from its default location.

PLUGIN PARAMETERS



TOOLBAR

The Toolbar allows you to manage the plugin presets, register the plugin and set some global parameters.

Click the **AUDIORITY** logo, in the top left corner of the Toolbar, to visit our website and social profiles, register the plugin, change the interface size and customize the paths for license and preset files. The **HQ** button will enable oversampling, useful to reduce aliasing when the signal saturates. Use the **Randomize** and **Reset** buttons to experiment with random presets or restoring it to its saved version. The **NOTIFICATIONS** (bell) icon will show you when a new update is available and other relevant news and offers.

PARAMETERS

MAIN PARAMETERS

ECHO DELAY HANDLE

Sets the delay time. Please note: the numbers 0 to 35 are just a visual reference used in the original machine to recall a setting. If **AUX ECHO DELAY** is engaged, this will set the delay time for the signal coming from the input's LEFT channel.

ECHO MODE

ECHO: default echo mode; **SOUND ON SOUND**: looping tape recorder; **OFF**: Echo bypass to use only the preamp and tape colour.

ECHO SUSTAIN

Sets the feedback amount. It starts self-oscillating around 5 and its dependent from the **RECORD LEVEL**

RECORD LEVEL

Sets the level of the signal recorded on the tape. The original machine's manual states to set the level using a 1kHz Sine at -20dB and increasing the level stopping just before it gets distorted.

ECHO VOLUME

Sets the balance between the pre-amplified signal and the echo.

PREAMP TYPE

Switch between two versions of the preamp circuit. **EARLY** mode features a pre-emphasis filter around 2.2kHz, resulting in a brighter sound than the **LATE** mode.

SPEED

Switch between regular tape speed, calculated starting from the motor rotational speed, and **SYNC** mode. In **REGULAR** mode, you can change the tape speed (and the resulting delay length) via the **VARISPEED** trimmer.

ECHO TONE

Replicates the EP-4 echo equalizer with BASS and TREBLE controls.

AUX ECHO

AUX ECHO DELAY	When engaged, this will set the delay time for the signal coming from the input's RIGHT channel.
MAIN/AUX ECHO PAN	Sets the pan position for the MAIN and AUX echo lines.

GLOBAL PARAMETERS

DUCKING	Lowers the volume of the delayed signal according to the input amplitude and delay time.
AGE	Controls the brightness and precision of the tape machine. At 100% it becomes cleaner and more stable.
ERASE	Erases the content of the tape.
IN	Adjust the input (dry) signal gain by +/- 24dB.
OUT	Adjust the output (wet) signal gain by +/- 24dB.
MIX	Sets the balance between the original unprocessed signal and the plugin effect.

RESIZING CONTROLS (AUDIORITY LOGO MENU)

Small Size	Reduce the size of the plugin interface.
Default Size	Resets the plugin interface to its original size.
Big Size	Increase the size of the plugin interface.

TIPS



Set the ECHO MODE to OFF to use PlexiTape as a boosting preamplifier before your amp simulator.
Use the AUX ECHO to widen a mono track or to add space to a stereo track.

MATCHING PLEXITAPE WITH THE REAL HARDWARE

If you own the real hardware version of this tape echo, tape speed needs to be changed to match your current motor speed. Depending on its age and where in the world you are located, the motor speed can differ from the default one set in the plugin and so the delay times. The default VARISPEED value is set to 6.2 IPS (based on a motor speed about 1400 rpm) and it's matched with the hardware version we have in house. If you are based on US, the motor should run around 1550 rpm, this a VARISPEED value of 7.8 IPS is suggested to match the hardware version.

USE OF SOUND ON SOUND

The **SOUND ON SOUND** is one of the most obscure features of the original machine. When engaged, the echo disappears and you can use the echo tape as a looping recording/playback machine. The sound recorded on the tape will be attenuated by 1dB every time it loops through the recording head allowing you to create overdubs.

We reproduced the same feature, but with a couple of key differences:

- Tape length is set to 20 seconds, instead of 2 minutes of the original machine.
- The **ECHO DELAY HANDLE** sets the loop point.

To use the **SOUND ON SOUND** feature:

- Start recording with the **ECHO MODE** switch set to **ECHO**.
- Be sure to NOT use a short delay time.
- Switch **ECHO MODE** to **SOUND ON SOUND**. The original recording will be played back and recorded at the same time, allowing you to add another recording while listening.
- **ECHO SUSTAIN** parameter is not operative while in **SOUND ON SOUND** mode.

CHANGELOG

v1.1 (September 2019)

NEW: Ducking

NEW: Machine Age

NEW: Tape Erase

NEW: Notifications System

FIX: Screaming feedback when HQ is enabled at high sample rates

FIX: Parameter locking now works for global parameters

FIX: Plugin window size not stored in DAW session

v1.0.1 (July 2019)

FIX: Early Preamp volume too low

FIX: MIX control unwanted dry signal boost

FIX: Wrongly saved HQ parameter in rare occasions

FIX: Wrong GUI response for Preamp Model and Playback Mode

v1.0 (June 2019)

- Original release

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