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Introduction

This manual describes the features and operations of the Kiive Audio *Distinct!* plugin. To be sure you understand how to use your plugin and understand all of the subtleties, please read this manual in its entirety.

The information contained in this manual is believed to be correct at the time of publication. However, if an error has unfortunately found its way into its contents, please let us know.

Based on the incredible harmonic saturation found in the Overstayer: Modular Channel "Distinct!" packs all of those rich harmonic characteristics into an easy to use plugin.

Create subtle saturation to warm up drums, vocals and mix bus, or drive this plugin into oblivion to create crazy fuzz bass tones, distorted vocal fx and insane synth sounds. Use the added HF and LF knob to shape your sound before hitting the distortion.

Quick Start

Installation

Distinct is available as a plug-in in VST, AU and AAX formats for use with all major DAW software such as Live, Cubase, Logic, Pro Tools, StudioOne, Reaper, etc.

Installation from the macOS installer is automatic. The installer takes care of copying the different plug-ins as well as presets, manual, etc. into the appropriate locations.

Installation from the Windows installer requires dragging and dropping of the plugin files to the appropriate folder location on your pc according to your setup. Common locations for plugins would be:

VST:

- C:\Program Files\VstPlugins
- C:\Program Files\Steinberg\VstPlugins
- C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST2
- C:\Program Files\Common Files\Steinberg\VST2

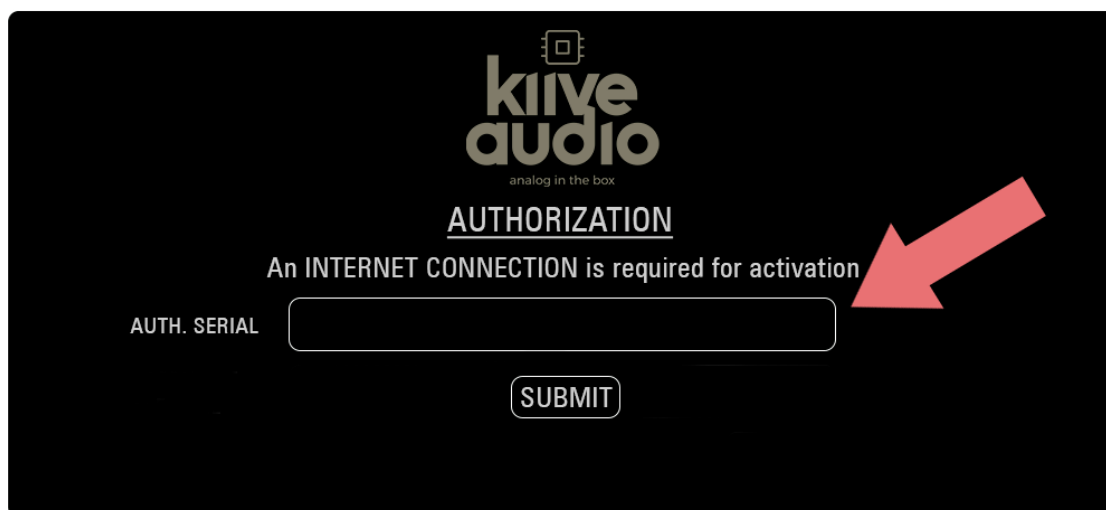
AAX:

- C:\Program Files\Common Files\Avid\Audio\Plug-Ins

Activation

When you purchase your software, you will receive an activation code that is accessible through both your confirmation email and "My Account" Order history. This activation code contains two (2) licenses so that you can install the software on two systems or have a backup. If you use up the two licences and need to reactivate the plugin in the future (eg: New Computer) Please contact us at support@kiiveaudio.com or through our contact section on our site and provide us with your order# and your old activation code and we will reset the license for you to give you more activations.

To activate your plugin, simply copy and paste your activation code into the authorization popup on the first launch of your plugin. (See image 1)



(Image 1)

First Steps

After Installation, Load the *Distinct!* plugin on the track of your choice in your DAW (Plugin listed under the EQ Category in Pro Tools) and complete the authorization as described above. After authorizing with a verified licence key Distinct is now ready to be put to work.

User Interface

The user interface consists of 2 separate panels:

- The toolbar, common to all Kiive Audio plug-ins (Bottom)
- The control panel, specific to the plug-in. This panel consists of 7 knobs and 2 buttons

Key Commands

A few key Commands can be used in all Kiive Audio plugins to get full access to all the controls.

- **SHIFT + CLICK:** Use this key command on any knob in the plugin to enter in the exact value you want.
- **DOUBLE CLICK:** Use this command on any knob to return its value to the default state.
- **CMD / CTRL + CLICK:** This command will allow you to adjust values in smaller, more precise increments.

The Toolbar



The toolbar on *Distinct!* consists of seven sections to help navigate the plugin.

- **Kiive Logo**
 - Clicking this button will take you to the homepage of the Kiive audio website.
- **Presets**
 - Clicking on the presets button will open up our preset menu which will allow you to: Load, Save, Save As, and set a Default Preset. You can also use the arrow to the left of the preset box to scroll through all the presets.
- **Mix Knob**
 - The mix knob allows you to mix between the Dry and Wet Signal of the entire plugin.
- **Oversampling**
 - Our oversampling menu allows you to choose from off, 2x, 4x, 8x, and 16x oversampling options.
- **A - B**
 - The A - B compare buttons allow you to compare different settings. The plugin will automatically save the configuration you last set when closing the DAW.
- **Undo / Redo**
 - The undo and redo buttons will simply undo or redo any changes made to the plugin parameters.

- Gear Button

- Clicking the gear button will open up our settings menu. Here you can resize the GUI of the plugin. Switch between 75%, 100% (Default), 125% and 150%. As well as Check for plugin updates, See the version number and info of that plugin and open up the user manual.

The Control Panel



Mode Buttons

The mode buttons control the type of saturation / distortion that the plugin will produce. ODD will generate third-order harmonics. Giving you an edgy / gritty sounding distortion. EVEN will generate second-order harmonics. Giving you a more pleasing saturation and rich tone. DIGT is a digital soft clipper. Perfect for drums or mastering. This setting also adds in a bit of high mids to push your through the speakers.

The Controls

For the controls, you will find seven knobs (Distort, HF, LF, HPF, SAT, Input and output)

Distort - This is your main controller. Use this knob to add in saturation and distortion based on your "mode" selection.

HF - this knob allows you to add up to 12dB of presence and sheen. This module is pre-distortion so you can use it to shape the distortion characteristics.

LF - this knob allows you to add up to 12dB of low end thump and thickness. This module is pre-distortion so you can use it to shape the distortion characteristics.

HPF - This is just a simple highpass filter. Use it to highpass your signal up to 420Hz ;)

SAT - The sat knob allows you to add in additional saturation to your sound. This is a non linear algorithm, so the values of your distort and input knobs will directly affect the sound you get from this parameter. We recommend just playing around with this knob or trying out some of the included presets to hear what it's really capable of.

Input / Output - These are just standard clean gain knobs to add or decrease volume in and out of the plugin.