

# NKS PRESET LIBRARY : BFD DRUMS BFD3

*For Komplete Kontrol / Maschine*



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## Intro

Welcome to the BDF Drums BFD3 NKS Library for the Native Instruments Komplete Kontrol / Maschine software and hardware.

This library offers browsing and control of all the factory kits and presets for BFD3 with both stereo and multi-channel loading options. Presets of all kits load up without sequencing to host allowing design of drums within the DAW while presets load up with the host sync engaged to allow the internal sequencer to run so drum patterns can be designed within BFD.

## Compatibility / Requirements

- Supports Komplete Kontrol Software 2.8+
- Supports Maschine Software 2.16+
- Supports Maschine Controller (all versions)
- Supports Komplete Kontrol Keyboard (all versions)
- **Supports VST3**
- Supports PC / Mac
- [BFD Drums BFD3 Plugin Required](#)

**This is NKS compatibility files only. This will not work without the actual VST/Library being installed**

## Download

A free version is available that contains a handful of presets for you to test with.

The full version is available for purchase with an immediate download.



## Installation



First ensure you have the VST plug-in installed and available to the software. Confirm if you need the VST2 or VST3 version.

In Complete Kontrol It should already appear in your File > Plug-ins menu.

In Maschine open the plug-in browser and check the VST is listed:



If the plug-in does not appear in the list of plugins, check that you have the correct paths to your VST folders in Preferences > Plugins > Locations. VST3 should be a default location but if you use VST2, make sure the correct path/s are listed then rescan.



Once the plug-in is confirmed installed and working with the software, copy the preset and artwork (if included) to the following locations:

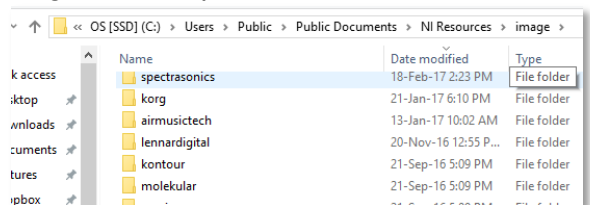
**Database Files:** Contains the browser images and database details for the NKS browser. Copy the "image" and "dist\_database" folders included in the zip file to the following locations (existing image/dist\_database folders may already exist so you want to just merge these files):

**Windows:** C:\Users\Public\Public Documents\NI Resources

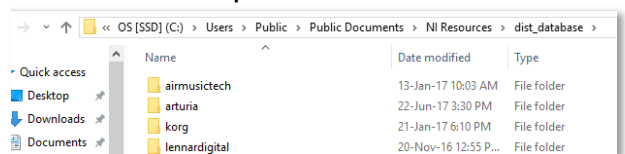
**MAC:** /Users/Shared/NI Resources



**Image Folder Example:**



**Database Folder Example:**



All User library database and image files will be held in these folders with a unique folder for each vendor/plug-in. Do not change the names or ordering of these folders, simply copy and merge with the existing folders in the above location

## MACOS : IMPORTANT!!!

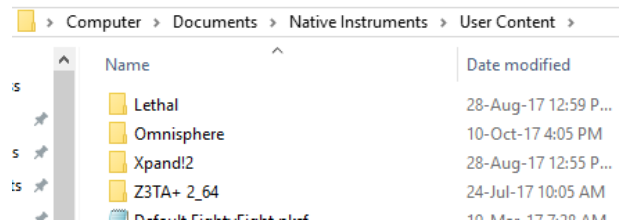
Be sure to copy the sub folders into the above locations. You want to add the folders with the existing folders, not replace existing folder. Mac users should be cautious NOT to "Replace" the entire image or database folder with the included ones. You want to **MERGE** these files. Choose to replace existing files only if they exist to update them, **DO NOT** replace the main folders or you will lose all your library artwork for all products!!!

**Preset Files:** Contains the preset files that need to be added to your user library. Copy this folder to your user library location. By default the user library is located at:

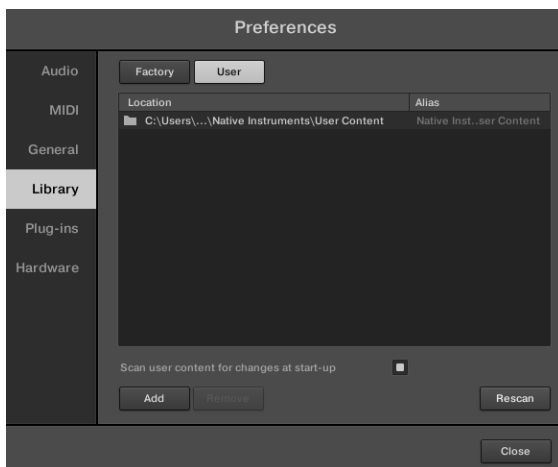
**WIN:** C:\Users\[USER]\Documents\Native Instruments\User Content

**MAC:** Users/[USER]/Documents/Native Instruments/User Content

You can confirm this location within the Komplete\Maschine software Preferences > Library > User Library



**NOTE:** If you already have a previous version of this NKS library you should delete it and replace with the latest version.



After the files have been copied, launch the Komplete Kontrol in STANDALONE mode to do a library update. If the software is not set to auto-scan on start-up, open Preferences > Library then select Rescan



You will find your new instrument in the **USER LIBRARY** which you can switch to using the user library button.

It is possible to integrate custom libraries into the factory library with all your official NKS instruments, however this requires a small “hack” which is detailed on [This Page](#). For Mac users, this can be a more complicated process than Windows users and please note there is NO SUPPORT available from me to assist beyond the posted article.

If everything has worked correctly you should now see the plug-in listed in the browser with an assigned category, artwork for the plug-in and the installed presets will be listed in the browser.

### Problems?

If you have issues with installation or usage, you can [Contact Me](#) or visit the [Forum Thread](#)

### Installation Video PC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1XnEDdMu0s>

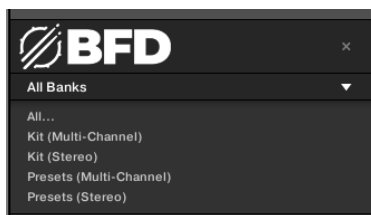
### Installation Video Mac:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amzq\\_T5kc90](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amzq_T5kc90)

## The Preset Browser



Presets are accessed by selecting the **User library** icon at the top of the browser .

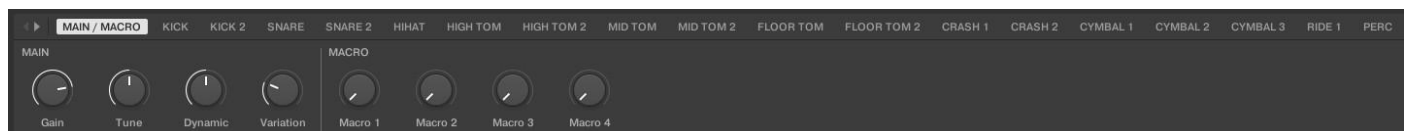


Banks allow selection of either Kits or Presets using either Stereo or Multi-Channel output. If you wish to mix drums in separate channels of your DAW choose the Multi-Channel option and then route the audio outputs from BFD3 to tracks in your DAW.

Multi-Channel uses the following channel routing for the outputs. You can easily change the routing for any loaded preset:

Stereo Channels	MONO 01 = Kicks
MAIN = Ambience	MONO 02 = Snares
STEREO 2 = Reverb	MONO 03 = Hats
STEREO 3 = Aux Bus	MONO 04 = Toms
	MONO 05 = Crash
	MONO 06 = Cymbal
	MONO 07 = Ride
	MONO 08 = Percussion

## Controller Mappings



BFD3 has a huge amount of available controls and also has a differing number of channels per preset/kit making it a challenge to add in-depth control over the plugin.

A template has been created that covers the gain, pan, tune, mute, folo, trim, damp for each drum channel and covers most of the variations in channels between kits. Please note that not all kits contain all pages of controls and while it is possible to custom taylour each presets controls to the specific pages, it is a very time consuming process. Also note this will not offer control for additional channels created that do not appear within any existing kits or presets but it is possible to do this yourself if you need to add additional pages.

## Controller Reference

Controller Page: [1]=====

Control 1 (ID: 101)	:	Gain	[MAIN]
Control 2 (ID: 102)	:	Tune	
Control 3 (ID: 103)	:	Dynamic	
Control 4 (ID: 104)	:	Variation	
Control 5 (ID: 97)	:	Macro 1	[MACRO]
Control 6 (ID: 98)	:	Macro 2	
Control 7 (ID: 99)	:	Macro 3	
Control 8 (ID: 100)	:	Macro 4	

Controller Page: [2]=====

Control 1 (ID: 0)	:	Gain	[KICK]
Control 2 (ID: 20)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 57)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 38)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 76)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 107)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 118)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [3]=====

Control 1 (ID: 143)	:	Gain	[KICK 2]
Control 2 (ID: 144)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 145)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 146)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 140)	:	Tri m	
Control 6 (ID: 141)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 142)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [4]=====

Control 1 (ID: 1)	:	Gain	[SNARE]
Control 2 (ID: 21)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 58)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 39)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 77)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 108)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 119)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [5]=====

Control 1 (ID: 147)	:	Gain	[SNARE 2]
Control 2 (ID: 148)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 149)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 150)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 151)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 152)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 153)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [6]=====

Control 1 (ID: 2)	:	Gain	[HIHAT]
Control 2 (ID: 22)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 59)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 40)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 78)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 109)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 120)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [7]=====

Control 1 (ID: 7)	:	Gain	[HIGH TOM]
Control 2 (ID: 27)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 64)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 45)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 79)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 112)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 123)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [8]=====

Control 1 (ID: 8)	:	Gain	[HIGH TOM 2]
Control 2 (ID: 28)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 65)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 46)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 131)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 132)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 133)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [9]=====

Control 1 (ID: 5)	:	Gain	[MID TOM]
Control 2 (ID: 25)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 43)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 62)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 80)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 111)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 122)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [10]=====

Control 1 (ID: 6)	:	Gain	[MID TOM 2]
Control 2 (ID: 26)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 63)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 44)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 134)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 135)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 136)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [11]=====

Control 1 (ID: 3)	:	Gain	[FLOOR TOM]
Control 2 (ID: 23)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 60)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 41)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 81)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 110)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 121)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [12]=====

Control 1 (ID: 4)	:	Gain	[FLOOR TOM 2]
Control 2 (ID: 24)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 42)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 61)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 82)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 128)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 129)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [13]=====

Control 1 (ID: 9)	:	Gain	[CRASH 1]
Control 2 (ID: 29)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 47)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 66)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 83)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 113)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 124)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [14]=====

Control 1 (ID: 10)	:	Gain	[CRASH 2]
Control 2 (ID: 30)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 67)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 48)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 90)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 91)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 130)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [15]=====

Control 1 (ID: 11)	:	Gain	[CYMBAL 1]
Control 2 (ID: 31)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 68)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 49)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 84)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 114)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 125)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [16]=====

Control 1 (ID: 12)	:	Gain	[CYMBAL 2]
Control 2 (ID: 32)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 69)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 50)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 162)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 163)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 164)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [17]=====

Control 1 (ID: 13)	:	Gain	[CYMBAL 3]
Control 2 (ID: 33)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 70)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 51)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 159)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 160)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 161)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [18]=====

Control 1 (ID: 14)	:	Gain	[RIDE 1]
Control 2 (ID: 34)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 71)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 52)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 85)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 115)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 126)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [19]=====

Control 1 (ID: 15)	:	Gain	[PERC]
Control 2 (ID: 35)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 72)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 53)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 86)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 116)	:	Tune	
Control 7 (ID: 127)	:	Damp	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [20]=====

Control 1 (ID: 16)	:	Gain	[AMB MIX]
Control 2 (ID: 137)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 73)	:	Mute	
Control 4 (ID: 54)	:	Solo	
Control 5 (ID: 87)	:	Trim	
Control 6 (ID: 139)	:	SC Trim	
Control 7	_____	_____	
Control 8	_____	_____	

Controller Page: [21]=====

Control 1 (ID: 17)	:	Gain	[REVERB 1]
Control 2 (ID: 36)	:	Pan	
Control 3 (ID: 74)	:	Mute	
Control 4	_____	_____	
Control 5 (ID: 154)	:	Gain	[REVERB 2]
Control 6 (ID: 155)	:	Pan	
Control 7 (ID: 156)	:	Mute	
Control 8	_____	_____	

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### Can these presets be added to the Factory Library?

Yes they can. There are a couple of files that need to be created which are specific to your install locations. There are instructions on how to do this [Here](#)

### Which Native Instruments Keyboard/Maschine hardware does this work with?

The NKS libraries will work with ALL Komplete Keyboard and Maschine Hardware

### I'm not hearing any sound previews?

Check your preview volume is up in the Factory library and check you have a .preview folder with sound files in it. Some presets may have missing files so please report any issues with presets stating the preset name and the instrument/library.

### I've noticed some issues

If you find any issues with incorrectly saved presets, sound preview issues, incorrect tagging etc please let us know the details and we will try and fix this up as quickly as possible.

### I'm having some installation\usability issues!!!!!!!!!!

If you are having issues with installing and using the preset library, check out the [Forum Thread](#) to ask other users who may have some solutions. Also, check above for installation videos. Feel free to contact us if you still have issues.

### Images are not displaying for the libraries?

This is normally down to the installation of the database/image folders not being correct. In some cases the plugin name could be different. If you cannot resolve your issue feel free to contact us (links below).

### Can I get other VSTs or preset library's created as NKS?

I can only create presets for instruments I own or have a copy of. I am always on the lookout for new VST instruments at good prices so may do more down the track. If you are able to offer me a legal copy of a VST or can transfer me the library I can have a look if it is possible to make NKS compatible. If you are a plugin developere it may also be possible to add NKS compatibility for official factory inclusion. Feel free to contact me.

## Contact \ Links

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- Initial library version