

NKS PRESET LIBRARY : CHERRY AUDIO ESQ-1

For Komplete Kontrol / Maschine



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Intro

Welcome to the Cherry Audio ESQ-1 Synthesizer NKS Library for the Native Instruments Komplete Kontrol / Maschine software and hardware.

This NKS library offers full browsing of all factory presets for the Cherry Audio ESQ-1 Synthesizer instrument with detailed attribute tagging, sound previews and library artwork/database files. A fully detailed controller map has been created to allow deep control of the synth direct from the keyboard or Maschine controller.

Compatibility / Requirements

- Supports Komplete Kontrol Software 2.8 or later
- Supports Maschine Software 2.16 or later
- Supports Komplete Kontrol Keyboard (all versions)
- Supports Maschine Controller (all versions)
- Supports VST3
- Supports PC / Mac
- [Cherry Audio Crumar ESQ-1 VST Required](#)

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

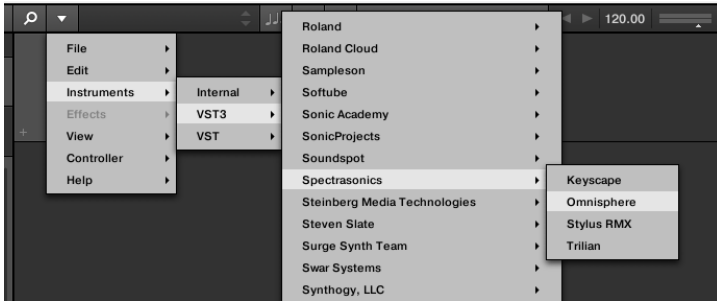
Download

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.



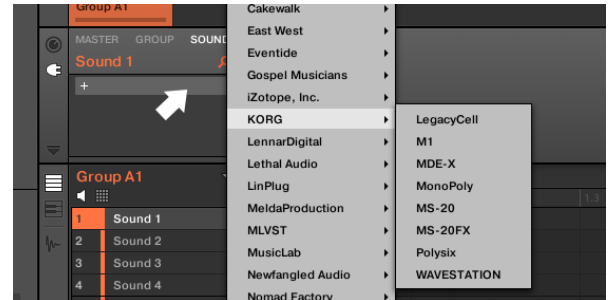
Installation



Firstly, in Complete Kontrol or Maschine, check you can see the Plugin you wish to use is listed in the Menu > Plugins section

In Complete Kontrol It should already appear in your Menu > Instruments menu.

If using Maschine, open the plug-in browser and check the VST is listed:



Once you have confirmed your VST is listed in Complete Kontrol / Maschine, copy the included files 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

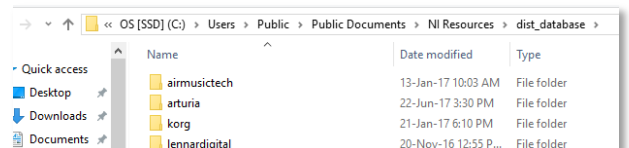
MacOS: /Users/Shared/NI Resources



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/plugin. Do not change the names or ordering of these folders, simply copy and merge with the existing folders in the above location

MACOS : IMPORTANT!!!

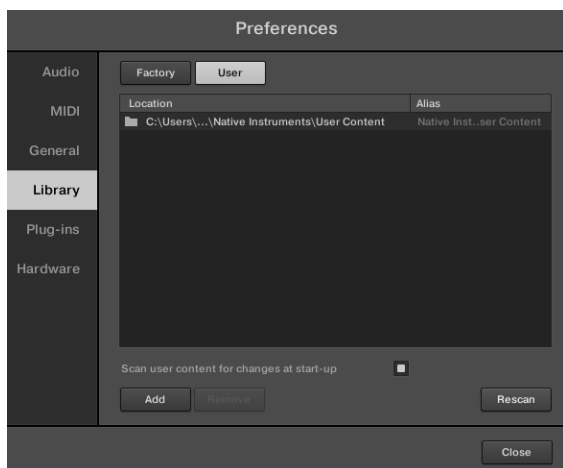
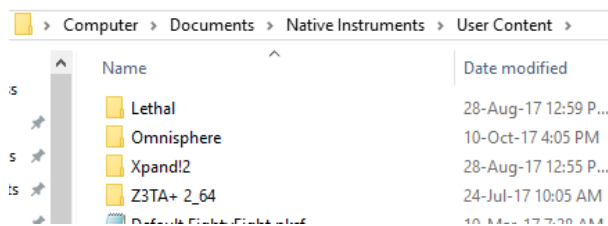
Be sure to copy the image + dist_database folders then paste into the NI Resources folder choosing to MERGE folders. DO NOT replace the existing image + dist_database folders. Choose to replace existing files only if they exist to update them, DO NOT replace the main folders or you will lose all your 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

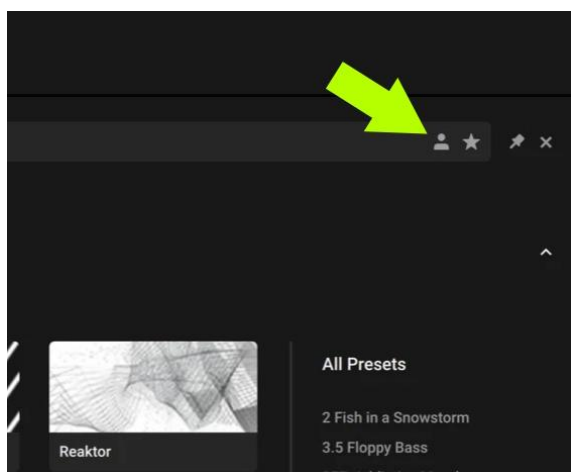
You can confirm this location within the Komplete\Maschine software Preferences > Library > User Library:



*Maschine by default does not use the same User Content location as Komplete Kontrol but you can add this same location if you use both KK and Maschine so they can share the content or simply use the default location listed in the Maschine preferences. You can also instead set your own custom location.

Launch the KK or Maschine desktop application and this should now scan your files into the database where they will be listed in the **User Library** browser

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



You will find your new instrument in the **USER LIBRARY** which you can switch to using the user library button. Refer to the manual for the controller you are using for the button to switch to user library from the hardware.

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 artwork for the and the installed presets will be listed in the browser and will load the plugin as you would expect.

Problems?

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

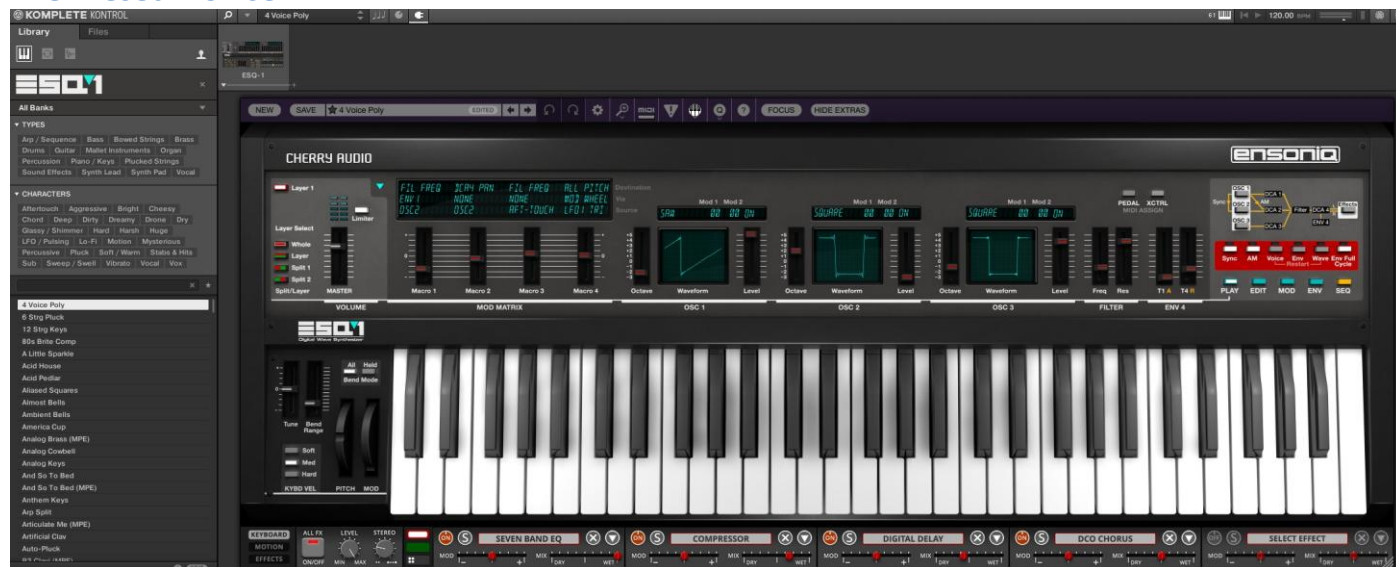
Installation Video PC:

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

Installation Video Mac:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amzq_T5kc90

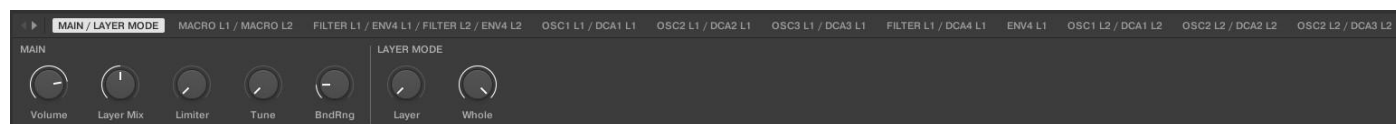
The Preset Browser



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

Selecting a preset from the list will open the plug-in and automatically load the preset. You can then use the mapped controls to start tweaking the sounds.

Controller Mappings



A comprehensive controller template has been created that covers almost all available controls of the synth although being a dual layer synth there are a huge number of available controls. A lot of work has been done to try and tailor the controller layout to be as intuitive and functional as possible but to avoid including too many pages, some sections (such as some of the envelopes) have had to be left out. Due to the large modular effects section it is not practical to offer control over every effect so basic FX controls that allow global level adjustment and disable of effects has been included. If you have additional feedback for future enhancements to improve the control template please feel free to share your suggestions via our [Contact Page](#)

Controller Reference

Controller Page: [1]=====

Control 1 (ID: 1693) :	Volume	[MAIN]
Control 2 (ID: 1694) :	Layer Mix	
Control 3 (ID: 1605) :	Limiter	
Control 4 (ID: 49835) :	Tune	
Control 5 (ID: 49838) :	Bend Range	
Control 6 (ID: 49746) :	Layer	[LAYER MODE]
Control 7 (ID: 49679) :	Whole	
Control 8		

Controller Page: [2]=====

Control 1 (ID: 1722) :	Macro 1	[MACRO L1]
Control 2 (ID: 1759) :	Macro 2	
Control 3 (ID: 1786) :	Macro 3	
Control 4 (ID: 1823) :	Macro 4	
Control 5 (ID: 1723) :	Macro 1	[MACRO L2]
Control 6 (ID: 1760) :	Macro 2	
Control 7 (ID: 1787) :	Macro 3	
Control 8 (ID: 1824) :	Macro 4	

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Control 1 (ID: 48722) :	Cutoff	[FILTER L1]
Control 2 (ID: 48749) :	Reso	
Control 3 (ID: 49588) :	Attack	[ENV4 L1]
Control 4 (ID: 49625) :	Release	
Control 5 (ID: 48723) :	Cutoff	[FILTER L2]
Control 6 (ID: 48750) :	Reso	
Control 7 (ID: 49589) :	Attack	[ENV4 L2]
Control 8 (ID: 49626) :	Release	

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Control 1	(ID: 1699)	:	Octave	[OSC1 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48656)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1728)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1753)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1815)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 1821)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48664)	:	Mod 1	[DCA1 L1]
Control 8	(ID: 48695)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 1697)	:	Octave	[OSC2 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48633)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1726)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1730)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1792)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 1819)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48687)	:	Mod 1	[DCA2 L1]
Control 8	(ID: 48693)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 1695)	:	Octave	[OSC3 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48631)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1724)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1755)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1790)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 48625)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48662)	:	Mod 1	[DCA3 L1]
Control 8	(ID: 48691)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 48755)	:	Keyboard	[FILTER L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48782)	:	Mod 1	
Control 3	(ID: 48786)	:	Mod 2	
Control 4		:		
Control 5	(ID: 48813)	:	Env4 Mod	[DCA4 L1]
Control 6	(ID: 48817)	:	Pan Mod	
Control 7	(ID: 48844)	:	Pan	
Control 8		:		

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Control 1	(ID: 48873)	:	L1 A	[ENV4 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48879)	:	L2 D	
Control 3	(ID: 48904)	:	L3 S	
Control 4	(ID: 48908)	:	Vel	
Control 5	(ID: 48912)	:	Vel T	
Control 6	(ID: 49592)	:	T2 D	
Control 7	(ID: 49619)	:	T3	
Control 8	(ID: 49652)	:	KYB T	

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Control 1	(ID: 1700)	:	Octave	[OSC1 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48657)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1729)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1754)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1816)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 1822)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48665)	:	Mod 1	[DCA1 L2]
Control 8	(ID: 48696)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 1698)	:	Octave	[OSC2 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48634)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1727)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1731)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1793)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 1820)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48688)	:	Mod 1	[DCA2 L2]
Control 8	(ID: 48694)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 1696)	:	Octave	[OSC2 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48632)	:	Level	
Control 3	(ID: 1725)	:	Semi	
Control 4	(ID: 1756)	:	Fine	
Control 5	(ID: 1791)	:	Mod 1	
Control 6	(ID: 48626)	:	Mod 2	
Control 7	(ID: 48663)	:	Mod 1	[DCA3 L2]
Control 8	(ID: 48692)	:	Mod 2	

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Control 1	(ID: 48756)	:	Keyboard	[FILTER L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48783)	:	Mod 1	
Control 3	(ID: 48787)	:	Mod 2	
Control 4		:		
Control 5	(ID: 48814)	:	Env4 Mod	[DCA4 L2]
Control 6	(ID: 48818)	:	Pan Mod	
Control 7	(ID: 48845)	:	Pan	
Control 8		:		

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Control 1	(ID: 48874)	:	L1 A	[ENV4 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48880)	:	L2 D	
Control 3	(ID: 48905)	:	L3 S	
Control 4	(ID: 48909)	:	Vel	
Control 5	(ID: 48913)	:	Vel T	
Control 6	(ID: 49593)	:	T2 D	
Control 7	(ID: 49620)	:	T3	
Control 8	(ID: 49653)	:	KYB T	

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Control 1	(ID: 48720)	:	Freq	[LFO1 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48726)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 48753)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 48780)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1661)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49682)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49749)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49781)	:	Noise	

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Control 1	(ID: 48842)	:	Freq	[LFO2 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 48848)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 48850)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 48877)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1665)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49686)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49774)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49804)	:	Noise	

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Control 1	(ID: 49617)	:	Freq	[LFO3 L1]
Control 2	(ID: 49623)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 49650)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 49656)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1669)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49711)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49778)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49806)	:	Noise	

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Control 1	(ID: 48721)	:	Freq	[LFO1 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48727)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 48754)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 48781)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1662)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49683)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49750)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49803)	:	Noise	

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Control 1	(ID: 48843)	:	Freq	[LFO2 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 48849)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 48851)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 48878)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1666)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49687)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49775)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49805)	:	Noise	

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Control 1	(ID: 49618)	:	Freq	[LFO3 L2]
Control 2	(ID: 49624)	:	L1	
Control 3	(ID: 49651)	:	Delay	
Control 4	(ID: 49657)	:	L2	
Control 5	(ID: 1691)	:	Triangle	
Control 6	(ID: 49712)	:	Saw	
Control 7	(ID: 49779)	:	Square	
Control 8	(ID: 49807)	:	Noise	

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Control 1 (ID: 49836)	:	On / Off	[ARP L1]
Control 2 (ID: 49839)	:	Trig Key	
Control 3 (ID: 49842)	:	Trig Seq	
Control 4 (ID: 49868)	:	Sync	
Control 5 (ID: 50610)	:	Speed	
Control 6 (ID: 50612)	:	Swing	
Control 7 (ID: 50614)	:	Chance	
Control 8 (ID: 50616)	:	Feel	

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Control 1 (ID: 49870)	:	On / Off	[SEQ L1]
Control 2 (ID: 49872)	:	Trigger	
Control 3 (ID: 50585)	:	Sync	
Control 4	:		
Control 5 (ID: 51670)	:	Speed	
Control 6 (ID: 51672)	:	Swing	
Control 7 (ID: 51695)	:	Chance	
Control 8 (ID: 51697)	:	Feel	

Controller Page: [22]=====

Control 1 (ID: 49837)	:	On / Off	[ARP L2]
Control 2 (ID: 49840)	:	Trig Key	
Control 3 (ID: 49843)	:	Trig Seq	
Control 4 (ID: 49869)	:	Sync	
Control 5 (ID: 50611)	:	Speed	
Control 6 (ID: 50613)	:	Swing	
Control 7 (ID: 50615)	:	Chance	
Control 8 (ID: 50617)	:	Feel	

Controller Page: [23]=====

Control 1 (ID: 49871)	:	On / Off	[SEQ L2]
Control 2 (ID: 49873)	:	Trigger	
Control 3 (ID: 50586)	:	Sync	
Control 4	:		
Control 5 (ID: 51671)	:	Speed	
Control 6 (ID: 51694)	:	Swing	
Control 7 (ID: 51696)	:	Chance	
Control 8 (ID: 51698)	:	Feel	

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Control 1 (ID: 52664)	:	On / Off	[FX GLOBAL]
Control 2 (ID: 52662)	:	Level	
Control 3 (ID: 52663)	:	Stereo	
Control 4 (ID: 53433)	:	Sync	
Control 5 (ID: 53437)	:	Mod Wheel	
Control 6 (ID: 53466)	:	Speed	
Control 7 (ID: 52753)	:	Waveform	
Control 8 (ID: 52757)	:	Delay	

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Control 1 (ID: 52688)	:	Layer 1	[FX LEVEL]
Control 2 (ID: 52689)	:	Layer 2	
Control 3 (ID: 52691)	:	Global	
Control 4	:		
Control 5 (ID: 52723)	:	Layer 1	[FX ENABLE]
Control 6 (ID: 52719)	:	Layer 2	
Control 7 (ID: 52694)	:	Global	
Control 8	:		

FAQ?

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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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Changelog

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