QUICK GUIDE · V3.0

DVR250
FX Station

Turn your TC Electronic DVR250-DT into a hands-on effects station for Ableton Live. 6 buttons + SHIFT = 12 effects.



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01 · BEFORE YOU START

What you need

- A **TC Electronic DVR250-DT**, connected to your computer over USB.
- **Windows 10 or 11.**
- **Ableton Live 12.**
- The **effect plugins** you want to play (any you own, or Ableton's own devices). Plugins are not included.

> Close Ableton Live before installing. The installer adds files that Live only reads when it starts.

02 · INSTALL

Three minutes, one installer

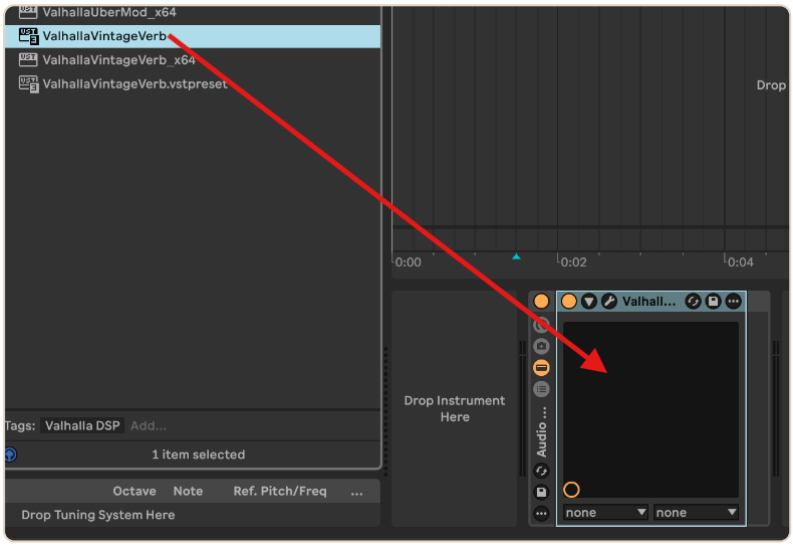
1. Unzip **DVR250_FX_Station_3.0.zip** and double-click **DVR250_FX_Setup_3.0.exe**.
2. If Windows shows a blue SmartScreen window, click **More info**, then **Run anyway**. The installer isn't code-signed yet; that's the only reason for the warning.
3. Follow the installer to the end. It sets up the Ableton remote script for you: no loopMIDI, no Python, nothing to copy by hand.
4. Connect the DVR250-DT, then start Ableton Live.
5. In Live, open **Settings › Link, Tempo & MIDI** (Ctrl+,). In a free **Control Surface** slot, choose **DVR250_FX**. Leave Input and Output on **None**.
6. In the **Plug-Ins** tab, turn on **Multiple Plug-In Windows**. Then build the rack (next page).

Put your plugins in an Audio Effect Rack

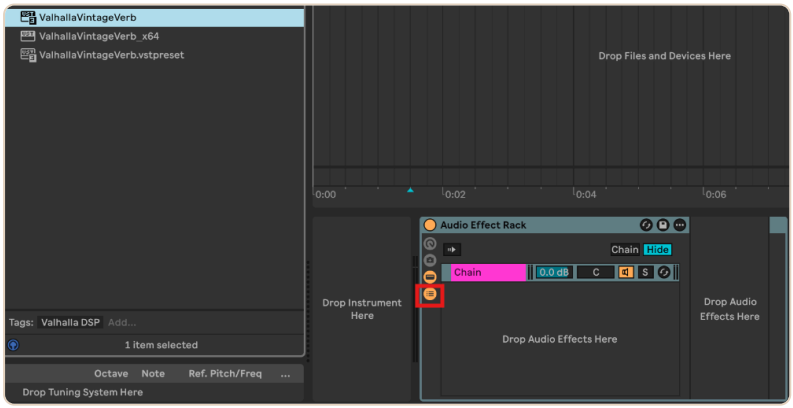
DVR250 FX Station drives one **Audio Effect Rack**, with one chain per effect. Build it once, then save it.

1. In Live's browser, open **Audio Effects › Audio Effect Rack** and drag it onto your track, into the **Drop Instrument Here** area. Rename it **DVR250 FX Station** (right-click on its title › Rename).

2. Drag your plugins one by one **into the rack**, where it says **Drop Audio Effects Here**. Each plugin becomes a chain.



3. Click the **Show/Hide Chain List** icon on the left of the rack (highlighted in red) to display the list of plugins.



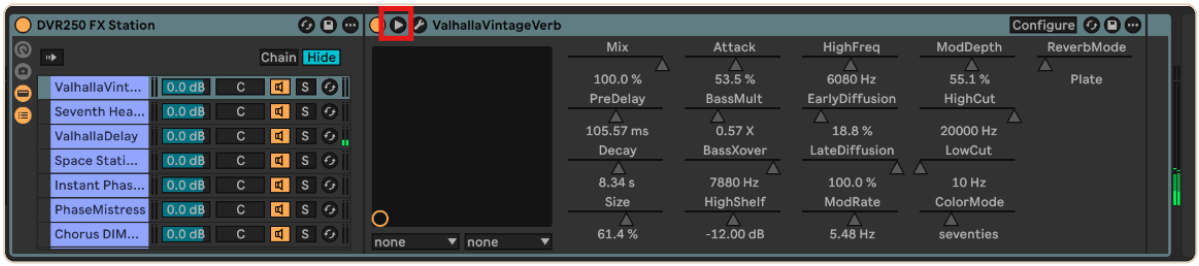
4 Turn on **Chain**, then right-click in the zone on the right and choose **Distribute Ranges Equally**. Each button then lands exactly on its chain.



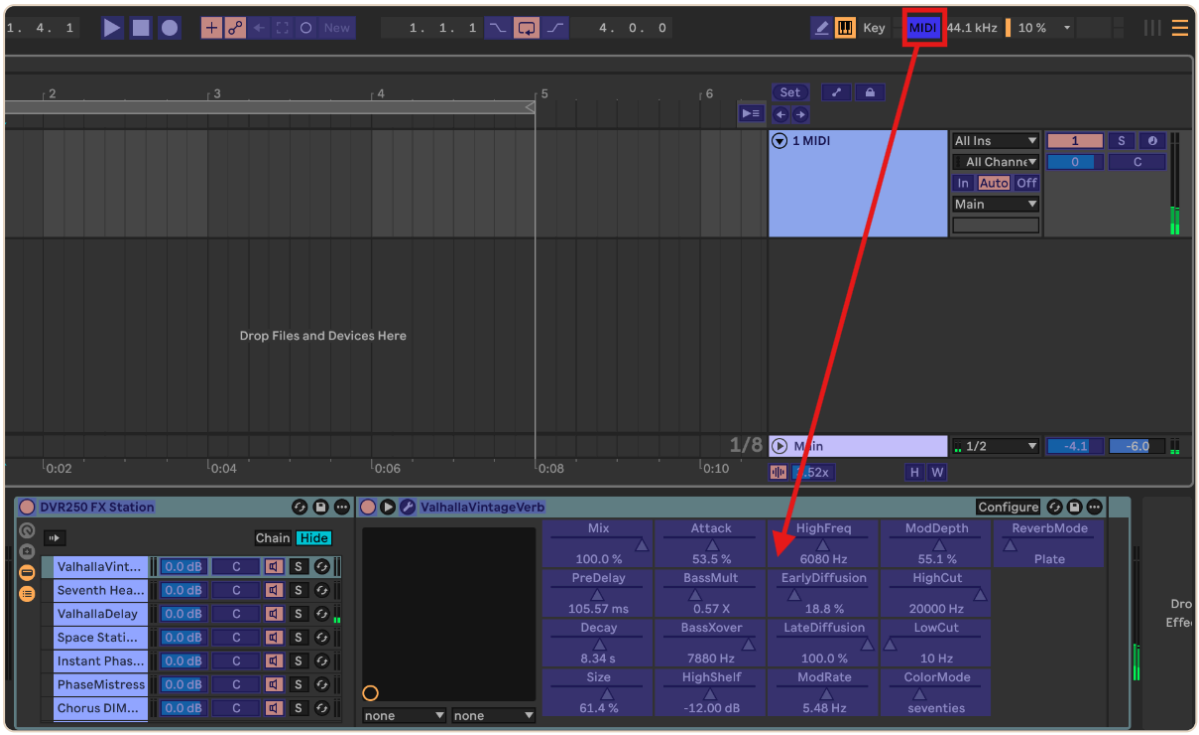
04 · MAP THE CONTROLS

Connect the levers and buttons

5 Click the **arrow** of the plugin (highlighted in red) to open its parameters panel.



6 Click **MIDI** (top right of Live) to enter MIDI Map mode. Click once on the parameter you want to control, then move a **lever** of the DVR250-DT or press a **button**. Repeat for each parameter, then click **MIDI** again to leave the mode.



> **Extra buttons:** to reach the alternate effects, press **SHIFT** (the **SET** button on the DVR250-DT) and another button at the same time.



The finished rack: one chain per effect, in button order.

Six buttons, twelve effects

Each button calls up one effect. Hold **SHIFT** and press a button to call up its alternate, a second plugin of the same family.

BUTTON	FAMILY	EXAMPLE: MY RACK	SHIFT + BUTTON
REV	Reverb	Valhalla VintageVerb	Seventh Heaven
DEL	Delay	ValhallaDelay	Space Station
PHAS	Phaser / flanger	Eventide Instant Phaser MkII	Soundtoys PhaseMistress
CHOR	Chorus	Arturia Chorus DIMENSION-D	Arturia Chorus JUN-6
ECHO	Echo	Soundtoys EchoBoy	Valhalla FreqEcho
SPC	Space	Eventide Blackhole	ValhallaShimmer

This is the rack I use in my own studio. You don't need these plugins: put your own favourites behind each button, in the same order.

Tips

- Keep the same family on each button (reverbs on REV, delays on DEL…). Your hands learn the layout fast.
- Save the rack (save icon on its title bar) so it's ready in every project, or save your set as a template.

Troubleshooting

The DVR250-DT doesn't react

- Check the USB cable, then restart Ableton Live.
- In **Settings › Link, Tempo & MIDI**, check that **DVR250_FX** is selected as Control Surface, and that the rack is still named **DVR250 FX Station**.
- Check that DVR250 FX is running: Start menu › DVR250 FX › Start DVR250 FX. Close the TC Electronic DVR250 plugin if it is open in your project.

A button opens nothing

- The plugin behind it may be missing, or the chain order is different. Check the chain list and use **Distribute Ranges Equally** again.

Windows blocks the installer

- SmartScreen: click **More info** then **Run anyway**.
- If your antivirus quarantines the file, restore it or download it again from filiperodrigues.studio.

Updates

- You'll get new versions by email, from the address you used to download the app.

> Questions, ideas, a bug? Write to **contact@filiperodrigues.studio**. I read everything.

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