

Product Guide

➤ The Grand 2

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What's The Grand?

The Grand - a high-quality virtual concert piano with a breathtakingly- rich and realistic sound, whose tonal precision and outstanding dynamic qualities rival those of a real, quality acoustic concert grand piano.

The Grand 2

The Grand 2 is the much-anticipated update to its *The Grand* virtual concert grand piano product.

Building on the acclaimed *The Grand* VSTi, the new version features an entirely new added high-end grand piano model, surround capabilities as well as a range of features designed to maximise computer resource efficiency. Users can easily switch between the two models with only a single mouse click. Added key click and pedal sounds as well as hammer samples further increase the level of realism offered.

The Grand 2 now offers two different concert grand models, both painstakingly sampled from a real concert grand made by the world's leading manufacturers. With an ultra dynamic response, hammer action, sustain and sostenuto pedal support, freely programmable velocity curves, four different tonal modes (natural, soft, bright, hard), tempered or concert tuning, adjustable room ambience level, surround reverb and an Eco-mode for underpowered computers, *The Grand 2* redefines the standard in software piano modelling.

Aimed at further enhancing both playability and realism to an even higher level than the first version, this update firmly establishes *The Grand 2* as one of the leading virtual piano instruments worldwide.

Virtual Room Placement

The unique new four-channel surround implementation allows *The Grand 2* to be placed anywhere inside a virtual room, with the position adjustable from directly within the VSTi's user interface.

RAMSave™ support

Incorporated into *The Grand 2* is the RAMSave™ technology, first seen in Steinberg's HALion 3 virtual sampler VSTi, which allows for highly efficient use of the host computer's RAM by allowing the "freezing" of the instrument and automatically unloading unneeded samples from memory, resulting in low RAM usage and faster project load and save times.

Improved performance

The audio engine of *The Grand 2* has been rewritten to vastly improve the performance in general and especially the disk streaming performance. The new "Eco" mode can further reduce demands on the computer's resources, freeing up power for other processing tasks.

Connects to everything

The Grand 2 supports all major plug-in formats such as VST, DXi, and AU. ReWire support offers easy integration into Pro Tools®, while the standalone version allows *The Grand 2* to be used without a host application.

The Grand Features

- **2 high-end concerto grand models** – featuring absolutely realistic, authentic sound
- **Full length sustain samples**, no loops, every key individually sampled in several dynamic levels
- **Unrivalled dynamic response**
- **True sustain pedal resonance**, damper and hammer feel
- **Complex variation of different sound characteristics**, like dynamic response, release behaviour, hammer-action and true string resonances and releases
- **Authentic functionality** of sustain and sostenuto pedals
- **Velocity individually adaptable** to suit personal playing style and natural response from any keyboard

The Grand 2 – new Features

- **Additional all-new high-end concert grand model**
- **New Eco Mode** available for outstanding CPU performance, ideal while composing
- **RAMSave™ support**, resulting in low RAM usage and faster project load and save times
- **New noises for more realistic sound** - key clicks, pedal sound, Hammer samples and so on
- **Surround Reverb** (2x2 channels) with ability to position *The Grand 2* inside a virtual room
- **Improved disk-streaming performance**
- **Performance optimized audio engine**
- **Supports all major formats: VST, DXi, AU**
- **Rewire Support** for easy Pro Tools® Integration
- **Standalone version**

The *Grand* 2

2 HIGH-END CONCERT GRAND MODELS - FEATURING ABSOLUTELY REALISTIC, AUTHENTIC SOUND

AUTHENTIC FUNCTIONALITY OF SUSTAIN AND SOSTENUTO PEDALS

VELOCITY INDIVIDUALLY ADAPTABLE TO SUIT PERSONAL PLAYING STYLE

COMPLEX VARIATION OF DIFFERENT SOUND CHARACTERISTICS, LIKE DYNAMIC RESPONSE, RELEASE BEHAVIOUR, HAMMER-ACTION AND TRUE STRING RESONANCES

FREE VARIATION OF ACOUSTIC AMBIENCE



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THE GRAND V2 - NEW FEATURES

ALL NEW CONCERT GRAND MODEL

NEW ECO MODE AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE, IDEAL WHILE COMPOSING.

IMPROVED DISK-STREAMING PERFORMANCE

NEW NOISES FOR MORE REALISTIC SOUND - KEY CLICKS, PEDAL CLICKS, PEDAL HAMMERS ETC.

"SECOND STRIKE" SUPPORT - NEW TECHNOLOGY TO EMULATE EQUAL NOTES THAT ARE TRIGGERED VERY SHORTLY AFTER EACH OTHER FOR EVEN MORE REALISM

SURROUND OPTION (2x2 CHANNELS) WITH ABILITY TO FREELY POSITION THE GRAND 2 INSIDE A VIRTUAL ROOM

SUPPORTS ALL MAJOR FORMATS: VST, DXI, AU, ReWire AND ALSO STANDALONE VERSION

