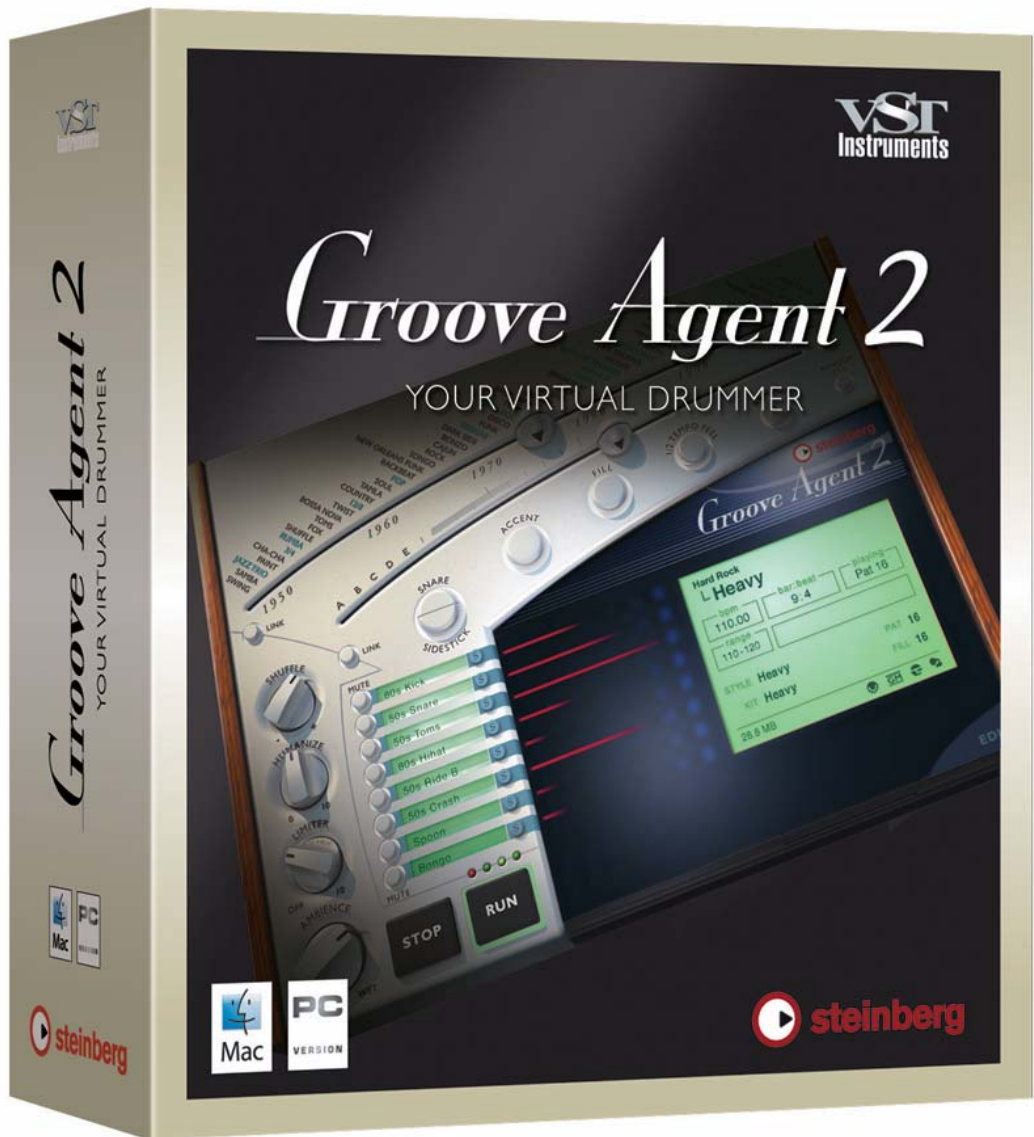


Product Guide

➤ Groove Agent 2

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What's Groove Agent 2 ?

Groove Agent 2 is the long-awaited update to its phenomenally successful Groove Agent virtual drummer. Replete with dozens of fresh, up-to the-minute styles and a battery of quality new drum sounds, Groove Agent 2 offers a raft of the latest drum grooves and styles within the comfortable confines of modern DAW environments supporting the VST, DXi, Rewire or AU plug-in formats.

Groove Agent 2 is based on the same highly successful technology that made Groove Agent such a popular product. It provides Users with ready-to-go drum rhythms from the past 50 years with an extra focus to hypermodern styles and sounds for those productions that require the hippest drum grooves. Based on quality drum samples -most of which were recorded especially to analog tape- Groove Agent puts a top studio Drummer at your fingertips.

Easy to use

Creating drum tracks couldn't be easier - just choose a music style, a drum kit and you're off. Set the amount of drum room ambience, play fills and half-time breaks. Groove Agent can play at over two dozen different complexity levels, allowing you to create the right mood with your rhythm track simply by moving a slider. Adjust volume, ambience, decay, tuning and velocity response for each instrument.

Fresh Content in V2

The 27 new styles included with Groove Agent 2 offers an array of the latest grooves in diverse flavours currently in demand such as ultra-slick RnB, Bristol Trip Hop, Old Skool HipHop, Retro Rock, roof-raising Punk and grinding Grunge grooves.

Providing the kerosene for the 27 explosive new styles are the 9 new drum kits. The all-new top-quality studio kit offers a highly polished, refined sound while being widely usable for many modern pop and rock productions. Other kit highlights include painstakingly recreated retro drum synths, ultra-hip noisy lofi drums, a diamond-hard metal kit as well as added percussive sounds.

Improvements in V2

Other feature refinements include added output busses, with up to 8 stereo outputs now available within the virtual mixer of the host application such as Steinberg's Cubase SX3.

It's now also possible to save performance and bypass the internal GA2 sample playback engine to ensure that no internal sound is triggered by, for example, a MIDI track of GA2 grooves which is feeding another drum machine or virtual sampler. Each group now also features its own Solo button, making it even quicker to hone in on the drum sound that needs particular attention.

The GUI has also been overhauled, with added scales and easier access to vital controls. Groove Agent 2 also offers a new "Save to MIDI file" feature, which stores GA2's rhythm output to a MIDI file for detailed editing, regardless of the DAW application hosting Groove Agent 2.

Groove Agent 2 Key Features

- **Over 70 musical Styles** (each with their own Drum Style patterns), programmed by top musicians
- **25 complexity levels** in each style, including fills and half tempo feel variations
- **Combine any style with any Drumkit** – instantly
- **Several unique drum kits plus percussion** and numerous electronic drum sounds
- **24 Bit drum sounds**, most of them recorded via analog tape
- **Separate dry and wet (ambience) samples** and 8 stereo outputs for total flexibility
- **User-configurable drum kits**, including tweaking of sounds
- **Combine any musical style with any preset kit**
- **Fine-tune the overall feel** with shuffle and Humanize controls
- **Record Groove Agent beats to MIDI** track with Cubase and Nuendo or export Groove combinations to a MIDI file for further editing
- **Sample Engine Bypass** – Groove agents is able to bypass its internal Sound Engine to save Performance. Perfect for those who use GA as a MIDI player that triggers external samples.
- **Connects to everything: VST, DXi, AU, Rewire and standalone versions**

V2 Highlights for Groove Agent 1 owners

- **50% more styles** - 27 new styles accessible thru right-click on the style Slider
- **50% more drum kits** - newly recorded acoustic drum kits, one “ultra metal” and one slick “Modern Pop”, various vintage drum machines and more percussion.
- **Musical styles:** Up to 70% of Groove Agent 2 new content focuses on delivering modern, “today” styles.
- **100% more outputs** - 8 stereo outputs with facility to send room to one separate channel as before.
- **Solo button for every group** - now it’s easier than ever to quickly focus on one group of sound while tweaking and mixing.
- **Sample Engine Bypass** – Groove agents is able to bypass its internal Sound Engine to save Performance. Perfect for those who use GA as a MIDI player that triggers external samples.
- **MIDI-out can be saved as MIDI File**, this feature works in all non-Steinberg hosts.
- **Connects to everything: VST, DXi, AU, Rewire and standalone versions**

Groove Agent 2 – Screenshots

