

HA-81A EQ

ALL-CLASS A CONSOLE MIC AMP/EQUALIZER



PLUGIN USER MANUAL





ARGUABLY THE BEST EVER CONSOLE EQUALIZER, FINALLY GETS THE PLUGIN TREATMENT IT SO LONG DESERVE

The HA-81A EQ preamp and equaliser is one of Heritage Audio's best sellers, and for good reason. Taking our sought after 73 style preamp, with all its fame and glory, and combining it with a juicy, inductor-based equaliser you have all you need to capture authentic console results and sculpt them to whatever the track or mix calls for.

Where your typical 3 band 73-style equalizer exceeds at musicality but may be short of features, the HA-81A EQ excels at both. Designed to bring timeless analog character to your modern workflow, this plug-in delivers rich harmonic depth, musical EQ curves, and the unmistakable punch that defined countless classic records

THE LEGENDARY 4-BAND EQ IS FINALLY TAKEN SERIOUSLY

The EQ section of the HA-81 A EQ is based on our Award Winning hardware console equalizer, an exceptionally musical 4 band, inductor-based equalizer that has become the gold standard for vintage EQ in thousands of studios.

Few tools can shape sound as musically as the EQ section of the HA-81A EQ. Whether you're refining vocals, guitars, or any midrange instrument, every adjustment feels natural and expressive. Across drums, bass, piano, or strings, the HA-81A EQ adds character and clarity. The lows feel full yet tight, the highs shimmer with detail, and the mids bring every track forward with focus and dimension.

CONTROLS

INPUT GAIN KNOB
In 5dB Steps (From 30 to 80dB).

HI SHELF FREQUENCIES
Selectable Frequencies: 3.3, 4.7, 6.8, 10 and 15 kHz

HI Q BUTTON
Push to create a sharper bandwidth.

HI MID BAND FREQUENCIES
Selects from 10 frequencies: 1.5 kHz to 8.2 kHz or OFF position to remove the band from the signal path

LOW MID BAND FREQUENCIES
Selects from 10 frequencies: 220 Hz to 1200 Hz or OFF position to remove the band from the signal path

LOW Q BUTTON
Push to create a sharper bandwidth.

LOW SHELF FREQUENCIES
Low Shelf: 33, 56, 100, 180 and 330 Hz or OFF position to remove the band from the signal path

HI PASS FILTER
18 dB/Octave 3-pole Filter at selectable frequencies: 27, 47, 82, 150 and 270 Hz or OFF position to remove the filter from the signal path

OUTPUT ATTENUATOR
Attenuates from 0 to Infinity

EQL
Turns Equalizer ON and OFF



HI SHELF BOOST/CUT (Inside knob)
±15 dB of Boost or Cut

BELL BUTTON
Turns Bell shape ON or OFF

HI MID BAND BOOST/CUT (Inside knob)
±15 dB of Boost or Cut

LOW MID BAND BOOST/CUT (Inside knob)
±15 dB of Boost or Cut

BELL BUTTON
Turns Bell shape ON or OFF

LOW SHELF BOOST/CUT (Inside knob)
±15 dB of Boost or Cut

LOW PASS FILTER (Inside knob)
18 dB/Octave 3-pole Filter at selectable frequencies: 3.9, 5.6, 8.2, 12, and 15 kHz or OFF position to remove the filter from the signal path

PHASE BUTTON
Flips phase 180°

POWER
A hard bypass that completely avoids the processing when off.

COMPATIBILITY

- Plugin formats: VST3, AU, AAX (64-bit).
- Platforms supported: Mac OS 10.15.7 and up (Both INTEL and Native Apple Silicon M1/M2/M3 Compatibility). PC Windows 10 and 11.
- DAWs supported: All major DAWs, including Ableton Live, Pro Tools, Logic Pro, FL Studio, Cubase, Studio One, Bitwig, Reaper, Reason etc.

INSTALLATION

A software download is made available in your Downloads section of your profile in <https://users.heritageaudio.com> right after your purchase. Select either Mac or PC depending on your system.

MAC: Double click on the PKG installer and follow the instructions.

PC/WINDOWS: Double click on the setup .exe file and follow the instructions.

ACTIVATION AND TRIAL PERIOD

If you have purchased your Heritage Audio HA-81A EQ Plugin through <https://users.heritageaudio.com>, an iLok licence will have been deposited on your iLok account as soon as you have finished your purchase. Your copy of the Heritage Audio HA-81A EQ Plugin will be automatically activated upon opening the plugin for the first time while logged into your iLok account.

If you have purchased your Heritage Audio HA-81A EQ Plugin through a third party vendor, an activation code will have been emailed to you once the purchase is completed. Enter the activation code provided when iLok ask for it the first time you open it.

If you have any problems activating it, please email us at users@heritageaudio.com.

If you're running your Heritage Audio HA-81A EQ Plugin in trial mode, please note that the trial will be fully functional for 14 days after its first validation.

For further information regarding the functioning of the Heritage Audio HA-81A EQ Plugin, please refer to the hardware version user manual at:

https://heritageaudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/HA-81A-EQ_User-Manual.pdf



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