



PLUGIN USER MANUAL



THE CLASSIEST EQ EVER CREATED FINALLY GETS THE THOROUGH PLUGIN TREATMENT IT SO LONG DESERVED

Recreated from the original Motown units owned by eight-time Grammy winning producer, mixdown artist, and innovative engineering genius Michael Brauer. The launch of the MOTORCITY EQualizer that shook the pro audio world as one of the biggest secrets in music production was finally revealed by releasing a dead on, carbon copy of one of the most influential EQs ever.

3 years later Heritage Audio is proud to introduce the MOTORCITY EQualizer Plugin, the world's first true-reproduction of the “Holy Grail” of classic equalisers. Finally you'll be able to recreate the unmistakably huge, punchy and warm signature sound that makes this EQ as unique as the hits it helped create.

IT'S NOT JUST AN EQ, IT'S A STATEMENT.

What makes this plugin so special is its ability to infuse any mix with the unmistakable warmth, punch, and musicality that defined countless classic records, all while fitting seamlessly into a modern DAW workflow.

But perhaps its most defining characteristic, though, is its ability to impart cohesion — that subtle analog warmth that gives mixes depth, dimension, and soul.

Whether used on individual tracks, buses, or the stereo master, the MOTORCITY EQualizer plugin brings the timeless Motown vibe into today's productions, delivering not just precision, but personality.



CONTROLS

Add for warmth,
deeper sound and
more thump.

Too much makes
things boomy, too
little makes things too
thin.

**130 Hz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Helps to make things
stand out in the mix.

Too much can
produce honk and
cause ear fatigue, so
use carefully.

**800 Hz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Used to add clarity
to signals and give
them an edge.

Too much will make
things harsh and
irritating while
reducing will
distance the sound.

**5 kHz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

IN/OUT/OFF

**LEVER
SWITCH**



**50 Hz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Usually felt more
than heard - Adds
weight & a solid
foundation and hits
in the chest.

Can increase
Low-end
rumble(noise).

**320 Hz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Used to add bass
presence, definition
and fullness.

Too much makes
things muffled and
muddy, too little
makes things hollow.

**2 kHz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Used to add
presence and
definition of attacks
of drums &
percussion and add
crunch &
whack.

Too much will cause
ear fatigue, so use
carefully.

**12.5 kHz - Boost/Cut
Curves**

Used to make things
sparkle and to add air.

Too much will
accentuate hiss and
cause ear fatigue.

GAIN

±8 dB of output
GAIN.

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 MOTORCITY EQualizer Plugin through <https://users.heritageaudio.com>, an iLok licence will have been deposited into 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 MOTORCITY EQualizer 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 asks 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 MOTORCITY EQualizer 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 MOTORCITY EQualizer Plugin, please refer to the hardware version user manual at:

https://heritageaudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/MOTORCITY-EQ_User-Manual.pdf



