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The Key

Ten-second musical key analysis



User Manual

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Native: VST3 and AAX Native; AU on Mac

Native product; no AAX DSP edition listed

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Meet The Key

Analyse ten seconds of audio and identify the most likely musical key. Free Native formats for Mac and Windows, including AAX Native for Pro Tools.



Your first session

1. Insert on the track or mix you want to analyse.

2. Play a harmonically representative passage, press ANALYSE and keep audio running for ten seconds.

3. Read the result and confidence. Analyse another section if the harmony changes or the first passage is ambiguous.

02 / REFERENCE

Controls and behaviour

Names follow the front panel; alternate host parameter names are included where useful. Ranges describe control values, not recommended settings.

CONTROL	RANGE / OPTIONS	HOW TO USE IT
ANALYSE / ANALYSE AGAIN	Action	Starts a new ten-second audio capture and analysis.
Progress / status	Display only	Shows listening and analysis progress. Audio must play through the instance during capture.
Detected key	Display only	Shows the most likely musical key for the captured passage.
Confidence	Display only	Indicates certainty of the estimate; it is not proof of a unique musical key.

03 / IN PRACTICE

Workflows and troubleshooting

Find a working key

Use a section with clear bass and chords, then confirm the suggested key by listening or playing along.

Changing harmony

Analyse separate sections individually instead of treating one result as the key of an entire arrangement.

If the result is unexpected

No useful result. Ensure audio reaches the plug-in for the full capture. Avoid silence or percussion-only passages.

Relative major/minor is uncertain. Analyse a passage with a clear tonic or melody and compare by ear.

04 / INSTALLATION AND SESSIONS

Install, recall and get help

Download and install

Visit https://lydtrold.com/installer and download the public Lydtrold Installer for your platform. Close your DAW before installing or updating. For AAX, Pro Tools must be fully closed. Enter the licence key associated with your purchase or Free Collection, select the product and required formats, then install.

Choose the format

Use AU in compatible Mac hosts, VST3 in compatible Mac or Windows hosts, or AAX Native in Pro Tools. This product is Native; inclusion in a DSP bundle does not make it an AAX DSP plug-in.

System compatibility

The public Mac plug-ins support Intel from macOS 10.15 and Apple silicon from macOS 11. The current public Mac installer requires macOS 12 or later. Use a compatible 64-bit DAW and check the product page for current platform and format availability.

Recall and automation

Save the DAW session and use supported host presets to retain parameter settings. Automate sound controls exposed by the installed edition in the host. Display-only meters and analysis results are not sound parameters. Save a preset before resetting or making major changes.

Support

Visit https://lydtrold.com/contact. Include the product name and installed version, operating system, DAW version, plug-in format and relevant routing. Describe the steps that reproduce the problem and the expected result.

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