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Small beast. Serious bite.

Unleash Basilisk.

Basilisk moves from focused crunch to venomous saturation without sanding away transient detail. Two carefully voiced clipping stages, a musical filter and a level control make it fast to dial in good tones and difficult to make them boring.

VST3 / MAC + WINDOWS

AU / MAC

Download & get started ↗



Download Basilisk.

01 Open your Ordesa DSP email

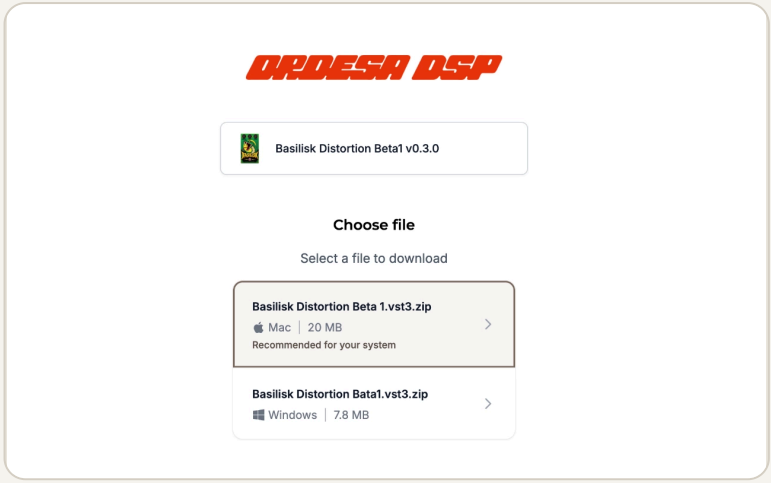
Open the email from Ordesa DSP containing your Basilisk download link. Use the email address associated with your beta invitation.

02 Follow the download link

Open the link in that email to access your Basilisk downloads. Sign in if prompted, using the account associated with your invitation.

03 Choose your platform

Download the ZIP for **Windows** or **macOS** to the computer where you will use Basilisk. On macOS, choose **AU** for an AU-compatible DAW, or **VST3** for a VST3 host.



Select the ZIP for your operating system.

Windows installation ↗ macOS · VST3 installation ↗

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> **Cannot find the email?**
> Check spam or junk folders. Contact contact@ordesadsp.com with your invitation email address if it is still missing.

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Install on Windows.

01 Extract the ZIP

Close your DAW. Right-click the downloaded **Windows ZIP** and choose **Extract All…**.

02 Copy the plugin

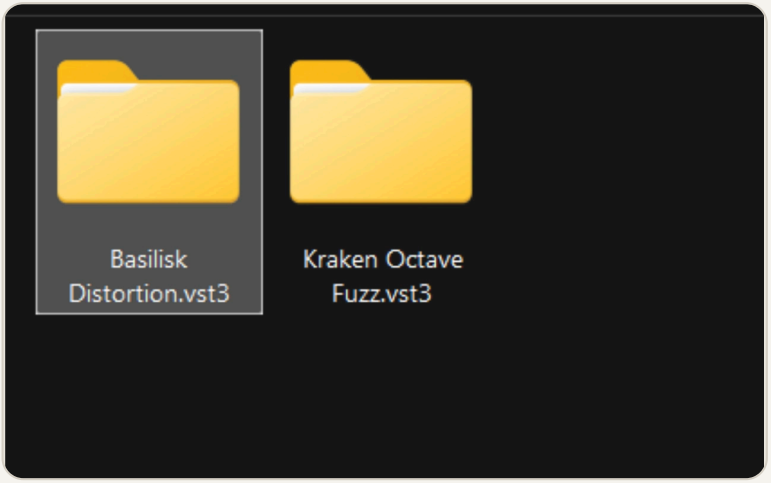
Copy the extracted **Basilisk Distortion.vst3** into the folder shown opposite. If it is a folder, copy it whole.

Windows may ask for administrator permission to copy into Program Files.

03 Open your DAW

Reopen your DAW, rescan VST3 plugins if needed and load **Basilisk Distortion** on an audio track.

VST3 folder reference: Steinberg VST 3 Developer Portal ↗



The extracted plugin in the shared VST3 folder.

VST3 destination

```
C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3\
```

Paste this path into File Explorer. Create the folder if needed.

> **First use**
> Follow the license activation steps.

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Install VST3 on macOS.

01 Install the plugin

Close your DAW and extract the ZIP. In Finder, press **Shift + Command + G** and open:

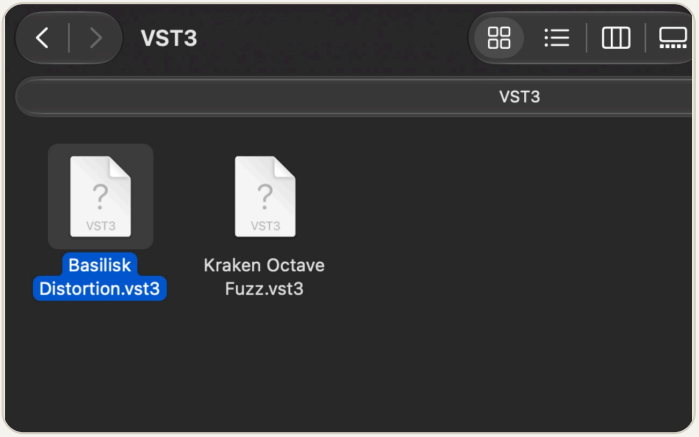
```
~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3/
```

Optional · Create the VST3 folder

Only if the folder does not exist, run in **Terminal**:

```
mkdir -p ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3
```

Now copy **Basilisk Distortion.vst3** from the extracted ZIP into this folder.



Basilisk Distortion.vst3 in your user VST3 folder.

02 Allow the beta to load

This beta is **not yet notarized**; macOS may show “Apple could not verify…”. Developer ID signing and notarization are planned for launch.

Open **Terminal**, paste this command and press Return:

TERMINAL / macOS

```
xattr -dr com.apple.quarantine \
  "$HOME/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3/Basilisk Distortion.vst3"
```

Removes the download quarantine flag from **only Basilisk Distortion**, without disabling macOS security settings. Run it only on the beta received directly from Ordesa DSP.

No output usually means success. Repeat after installing a new beta if needed.

03 Open your DAW

Reopen your DAW and rescan VST3 plugins if needed. Load **Basilisk Distortion** on an audio track, then activate your license.

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Install AU on macOS.

01 Install the plugin

Close your DAW and extract the ZIP. In Finder, press **Shift + Command + G** and open:

```
~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components/
```

Optional · Create the Components folder

Only if the folder does not exist, run in **Terminal**:

```
mkdir -p ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components
```

Now copy **Basilisk Distortion.component** from the extracted ZIP into this folder.

Screenshot pending

macOS AU folder

Basilisk Distortion.component in your user Components folder.

02 Allow the beta to load

This beta is **not yet notarized**; macOS may show “Apple could not verify…”. Developer ID signing and notarization are planned for launch.

Open **Terminal**, paste this command and press Return:

TERMINAL / macOS

```
xattr -dr com.apple.quarantine \
  "$HOME/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components/Basilisk Distortion.component"
```

Removes the download quarantine flag from **only Basilisk Distortion**, without disabling macOS security settings. Run it only on the beta received directly from Ordesa DSP.

No output usually means success. Repeat after installing a new beta if needed.

03 Open your DAW

Reopen your DAW and rescan Audio Units if needed. Load **Basilisk Distortion** on an audio track, then activate your license.

Activate your license.

Connect to the internet and use the account associated with your Basilisk beta invitation.

01 Open Basilisk

Load Basilisk in your DAW. Choose **Activate Invitation** from its license screen.

02 Sign in through your browser

The plugin opens the Ordesa DSP activation page. Sign in with the email address that received your beta invitation.

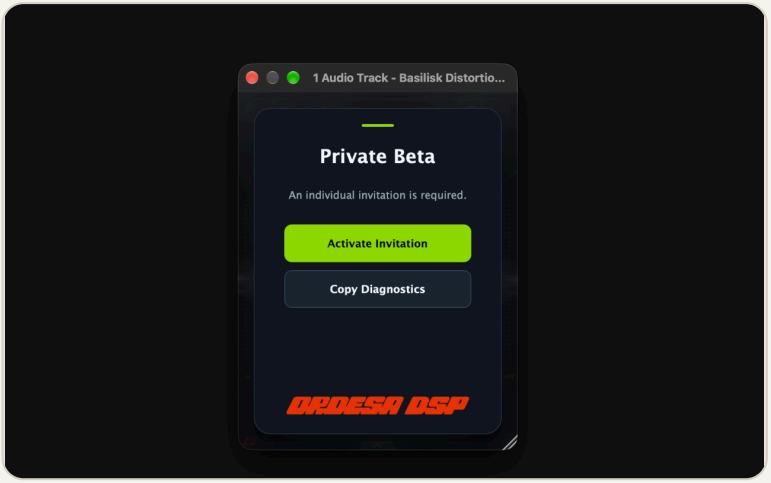
> **No account yet?**
> Click on → **Create account**. Enter your name, invitation email and password. Choose **Sign up**, confirm your email, then return here. Already registered? Use password reset if needed.

03 Use your beta license

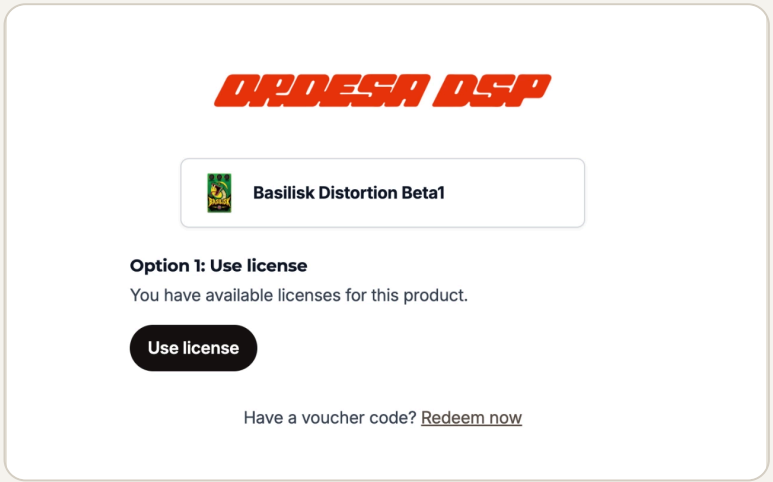
Select the Basilisk license linked to your invitation and click **Use license**. Confirm activation for this computer.

04 Return to your DAW

Keep Basilisk open. Complete the browser steps, then return to your DAW and wait for activation to finish.



Choose online activation from inside Basilisk.



Confirm in the browser, then return to Basilisk.

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Main controls.



Main interface

01

Main Toolbar

Manage presets, save sounds, and access license and update settings.

02

Distortion

Sets the intensity and harmonic density of both clipping stages.

03

Filter

Moves from dark and thick to cutting and present.

04

Volume

Matches level or pushes the next processor in your chain.

05

Bypass

Turns the effect on or off. When bypassed, the original signal passes through without processing.

Advanced settings.

Open the panel with the arrow at the bottom of the interface.



Advanced panel

06

Input Trim

Adjusts the level entering the distortion circuit. Use it to compensate for hotter or quieter inputs.

07

Mode

Normal quality uses less CPU. High quality provides maximum processing quality.

08

Level meters

Shows or hides the lateral level meters.

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Uninstall Basilisk.

Save your project and close your DAW. Follow the steps for your operating system.

Windows

01 Open the VST3 folder

Press **Windows + E** to open File Explorer. Paste this path into the address bar and press **Enter**:

```
C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3\
```

02 Delete Basilisk

Select **Basilisk Distortion.vst3** and press **Delete**. If it appears as a folder, delete that entire .vst3 folder. Approve administrator permission if Windows asks.

macOS

01 Open the folder for your format

In Finder, press **Shift + Command + G**. Paste the path for the format you installed and press **Return**:

VST3

```
~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3/
```

AU (Audio Units)

```
~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components/
```

02 Move the plugin to the Trash

Select **Basilisk Distortion.vst3** for VST3, or **Basilisk Distortion.component** for AU. Press **Command + Delete** to move the entire item to the Trash.

If you installed both formats, remove both from their respective folders.

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Help & support.

The plugin does not appear.

Check that the extracted **.vst3** or **.component** is in the correct folder. Enable the installed format in your DAW, rescan and restart the host if needed.

Windows installation ↗ macOS · VST3 ↗ macOS · AU ↗

macOS blocks the beta.

Follow the Terminal step for your format: VST3 or AU. Check the filename and folder. Repeat after a new beta download if needed.

No sound or unexpected levels.

Check track routing, Input Trim and Volume. Toggle Bypass to compare the original signal.

Playback struggles.

Select **Normal quality** in the advanced panel to reduce CPU use.

Contact support.

Include these details so we can reproduce the issue:

+ Basilisk version or beta ZIP filename
+ Operating system and version
+ DAW name and version
+ Steps to reproduce the problem
+ Error message or screenshot

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PLUGIN

Basilisk Distortion

0.3.0 · Beta1

MANUAL

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CURRENT VERSION

- Initial beta release.

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