

Getting Started with Minimonsta

Thank you for purchasing the GForce Minimonsta virtual instrument. A full PDF manual is included on the disc so please use this as your primary reference source for the impOSCar as it contains useful information to help you understand the full functionality of the instrument.

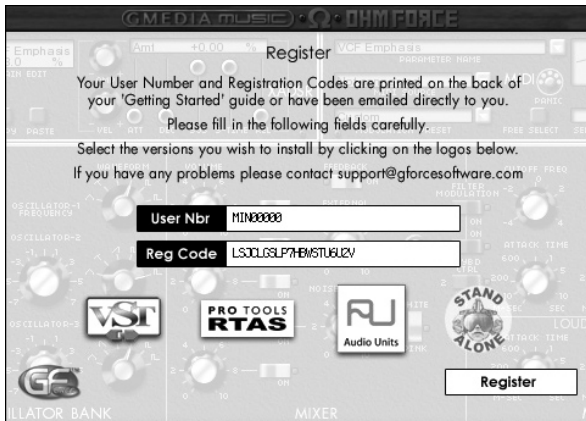
Included upon your master CD are a variety of video tutorials covering some of the more complex elements of the instrument, you may also find these a useful reference source.

Installing the Minimonsta

Included on the Master CD are multiple versions of the Minimonsta. The Minimonsta installer allows you to install any or all versions via a single installer, one for Mac and one for PC.

PC - Insert the Minimonsta Master CD into your CD-ROM drive. From the Setup window, select the "Install" option and follow the onscreen instructions carefully, entering your unique User Name and Registration codes EXACTLY as you find them printed within this Getting Started guide.

Mac - Insert the Minimonsta Master CD into your CD-ROM drive. Double-click on the GForce Minimonsta disc icon to open the disc. Double-click on the Minimonsta.dmg file and then run the Minimonsta Installer, following the onscreen instructions carefully, and entering your unique User Name and Registration codes EXACTLY as you find them printed within this Getting Started guide. During installation, be sure to click on the "Next" button until the installation routine is complete.



Mac installer shown

Registration

Please take the time to register your Minimonsta on-line at: www.gforcesoftware.com

Registration is required to receive free technical support.

Minimum System Requirements:

Macintosh

- 1.25 GHz PowerMac G4
- 128MB of RAM
- OS X
- VST 2.0, RTAS, or Audio Unit-compatible host application for plug-in operation
- Minimonsta is optimized for AltiVec instruction sets.

Microsoft Windows

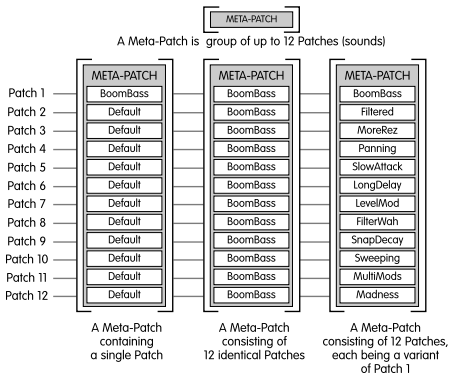
- Intel Pentium IV 1GHz with 64MB RAM
- Windows 98SE, Me, 2000, XP
- VST 2.0 or RTAS-compatible host application for plug-in operation
- Minimonsta is optimized for 3dNow! and SSE instruction sets.

After Installation

Because the Minimonsta works on two levels it's quick and easy to get going (provided you have a fundamental grasp of subtractive synthesis). Here are a few basic concepts to start you off.

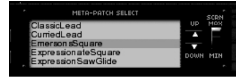
Patch Structure - What is a Meta-Patch?

The Meta-Patch is a group of up to 12 Patches (sounds) that you load from your hard drive. At its simplest, it contains only a single Patch and at its most complex 12 different Patches. All Meta-Patches supplied with the Minimonsta contain 12 different Patches except the ones within the "OriginalMiniPatches" folder which all contain a single sound across all Patches. These sounds were transcribed from original Minimoog patch charts.



Loading a Meta-Patch

The first time you open the Minimonsta after installing it, open the Meta-Patch Select Window to its maximum size via the dedicated rocker switch.

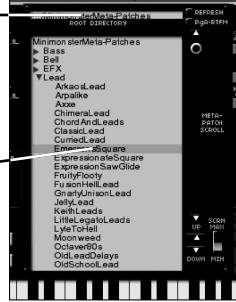


Meta-Patch Select Window

From here, click in the small top window marked "Root Directory."

Navigate to the "MinimonstaPatches" folder. Once you've done this, simply select a sound from the list and play.

Your selected Root Directory will be remembered by the Minimonsta when you next open it.



Meta-Patch Select Window shown at maximum size

As mentioned previously, the full PDF manual has been installed to your hard drive. Be sure to use this for a full understanding of the Minimonsta.

Contact

(626) 633-9055 – Tech Support phone lines are open from 7AM to 7PM PST, Monday through Friday.

techsupt@m-audio.com – E-mail Tech Support whenever it's convenient for you. You will usually receive a response within one business day.

www.m-audio.com – Check the M-Audio website for any news, FAQs, or updates related to your product. Often, you will find solutions to your problems here that will save you a phone call to Tech Support.