

# SHARK S3

## Frequently asked questions

### What is S3?

A digital compressor with six styles, layered waveform history, sidechain shaping, stereo/Mid-Side controls and optional character processing.

### What do the display colors mean?

Gray shows input history; the selected theme color shows output history. Red identifies gain reduction. The static transfer curve describes the level relationship; waveform history scrolls through time and does not share the curve's horizontal input-dB meaning.

### How do I change colors?

Click the Shark logo to cycle orange, purple, blue and green. Gain reduction remains red.

### How do favorites work?

Select a factory preset and click the star beside the preset navigation. A yellow star marks a favorite, listed in Favorites in the preset menu. Favorites are saved with the session/instance, not as a global library. A star bookmarks the factory preset; it does not save your edited settings as a new preset. CUSTOM cannot be starred.

### What is Advanced?

The Advanced panel provides input/wet gain, Hold, detector gain and bell EQ, Peak/RMS detection, channel focus, tempo release and character controls. An asterisk indicates active advanced settings.

### Can I use an external sidechain?

Yes. Route a source to S3's sidechain in your DAW and enable Sidechain. Host routing steps vary. Listen auditions the filtered detector signal.

### Does Auto Gain match loudness precisely?

No. It applies approximate makeup compensation. Use your ears and adjust Output when comparing levels.

## Does it include oversampling?

This version processes character at the native sample rate. Strong drive can produce aliasing.

## Why does tempo release differ from the selected note duration?

The division establishes the base release time. Style and ARC can still shape recovery. If host tempo is unavailable, S3 uses 120 BPM.

## How large is the interface?

Default 100% is 1008 × 630. Menu zoom options are 80%, 100%, 120% and 140%. Expanded view fits the current display. Exit, close or Escape returns to the normal view.

## Do I need to install Roboto?

No. Roboto is embedded.

## Where are the credits?

Open Menu Credits - SHARK S3.

## Which systems and formats are supported?

The release compatibility matrix and installer availability have not yet been announced. The current project targets AU and VST3; confirmed operating-system and DAW support will accompany the released installer.