How to install on Mac

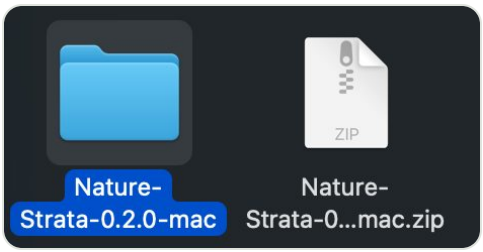
About two minutes, once. You'll need your Mac password. The same steps work for every NF Audios plug-in; the pictures show Nature Strata.

Why macOS asks first. We're a small independent maker, and Apple's developer verification of NF Audios is still in progress. Until it's complete, macOS can't confirm who made the installer, so the first time you open it you'll see *"Apple could not verify … is free of malware"*. That's expected. The installer is safe: we build and check every one ourselves, and it's the same file the NF Audios Center installs. You allow it once, below.

Easier: install with NF Audios Center. Our free app installs, activates and updates every NF Audios plug-in for you, without these steps for each plug-in. Get it at **nfaudios.com/center**.

1 Unzip the download

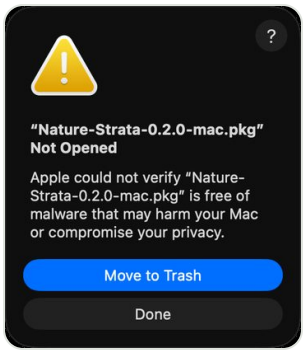
Double-click the `.zip` file in your Downloads folder (Safari often does this for you). You get a folder with the installer (`.pkg`) and this guide.



2 Double-click the installer, then click Done

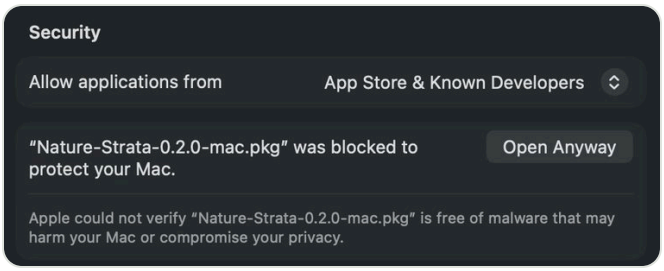
Double-click the `.pkg` file. macOS shows *"Not Opened"* and *"Apple could not verify…"*.

Click **Done**. (Not Move to Trash.)



3 Privacy & Security › Open Anyway

Open **System Settings** › **Privacy & Security** and scroll down to **Security**. Next to *"…pkg" was blocked to protect your Mac*, click **Open Anyway**.

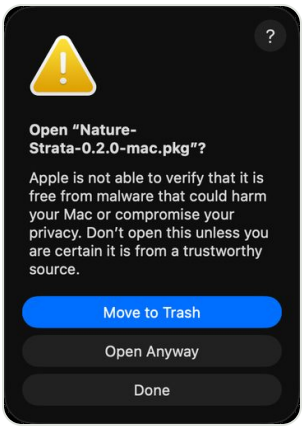


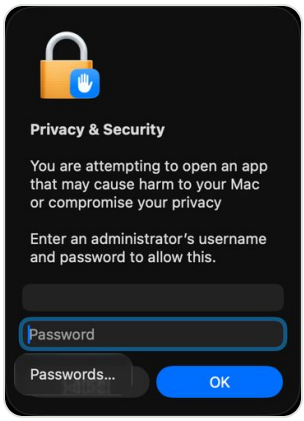
The button stays there for about an hour after step 2. Don't see it? Double-click the .pkg again, then come back here.

4 Confirm and enter your Mac password

Click **Open Anyway** in the box that appears.

Then enter your Mac login password (or use Touch ID) and click **OK**. This allows this one installer only.

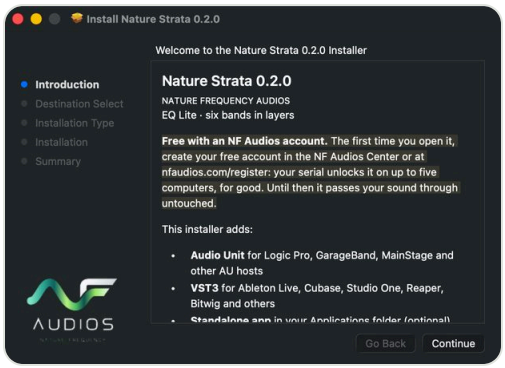




5 Install

The NF Audios installer opens. Click **Continue**, then **Install**. macOS asks for your password once more: enter it and click **Install Software**.

Optional: **Customize** lets you leave out a format (Audio Unit, VST3 or the standalone app).

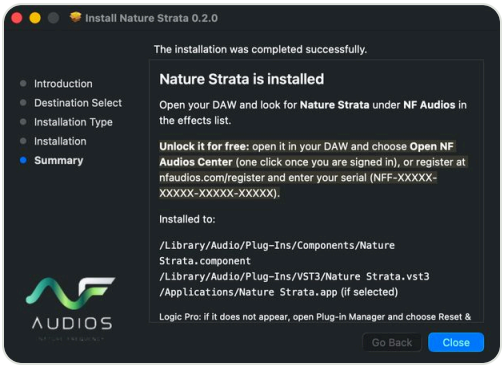




6 Done. Here's where it went

- **Audio Unit** (Logic Pro, GarageBand, MainStage): `/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components`
- **VST3** (Ableton Live, Cubase, Studio One, Reaper, Bitwig…): `/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3`
- **Standalone app** (if included): `/Applications`

You can delete the zip and the folder now.



7 Find it in your DAW

- **Logic Pro / GarageBand / MainStage:** quit and reopen. Plug-ins are under **Audio Units › NF Audios**. Not there? In Logic: **Logic Pro** › **Settings** › **Plug-in Manager**, select it and click **Reset & Rescan Selection**.
- **Ableton Live:** **Settings** › **Plug-Ins**, turn on **Use VST3 Plug-in System Folders**, then click **Rescan** (hold Option while clicking for a full rescan). Look under **Plug-Ins › VST3 › NF Audios**.
- **Other DAWs:** run the DAW's plug-in rescan; NF Audios plug-ins are in the system VST3 folder above.

8 Activate

- **Free plug-ins:** open the plug-in and choose **Open NF Audios Center**, or sign in to your free NF ID at nfaudios.com/register and enter your free serial (`NFF-…`). Until then it passes sound through untouched.
- **Bought plug-ins:** enter the licence key from your order email (`NFA-…`). It's also in **My account** on nfaudios.com.

Older macOS: Ventura (13) or Sonoma (14)

Hold **Control** and click the `.pkg` (or right-click it), choose **Open**, then **Open** again. The installer starts. If there's no Open button, use steps 2–4 above; they work on these versions too. NF Audios plug-ins need macOS 11 Big Sur or later.

Apple silicon or Intel?

Either. One installer works natively on both Apple silicon (M-series) and Intel Macs; no Rosetta needed.

For Terminal users OPTIONAL

Instead of steps 2–4 you can remove the download mark from the installer, then double-click it. Only if you're comfortable with Terminal; the steps above do the same thing. Example (change the path to your file):

```
xattr -d com.apple.quarantine ~/Downloads/Nature-Strata-0.2.0-mac/Nature-Strata-0.2.0-mac.pkg
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Something not right?

“Damaged and can't be opened” is the same check shown differently: use steps 2–4, or the Terminal line above. To remove a plug-in later, delete its files from the folders in step 6. Still stuck? Email **contact@nfaudios.com** with your macOS version and a screenshot. We'll walk you through it.