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1. Introduction

1.1. What is VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™

VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™ allows you to keep the audio from your cassettes and LP records permanently by converting them to WAV, MP3, MP3 CDs, and audio CDs. You can also reduce unwanted noise or static, and the built-in normalizer and digital amplifier will help control the volume. Users can split the tracks automatically by letting the software detect the muted sections.

1.2. Main Features

- **Wizard Mode**
Follow the on-screen instructions and convert audio from cassettes and LP records to MP3, Audio CD, or MP3 CD.
- **WAV and MP3 Recording**
Record your audio into WAV or MP3 format in real-time.
- **Audio Conversion**
Convert WAV files into MP3 format.
- **Noise Reduction**
Reduce unwanted noise or static.
- **Audio Normalizer**
Control irregular volume by increasing or decreasing as needed.
- **Digital Amplifier**
Increase audio volume for music players with low output volume.
- **Audio Editing**
Split audio clips and remove unwanted segments.
- **Auto Track Split**
Automatically separates audio tracks.
- **ID3 Tag support (MP3)**
Add artist name, album name, and song title information to your MP3 file.
- **MUZBOX**
A true plug-n-play device that digitizes audio while preserving the quality.
- **CD Burning**
Convert captured audio files into audio CDs or MP3 CDs.

1.3. System Requirements

Operating System: Windows® 10/8/7/Vista

Available USB 2.0/3.0 port

Processor: Intel® Core 2 Duo processor or higher

Memory: 1GB of RAM

Free Hard Disk Space: 4GB or more

Preamp required for turntables

Other: CD burner for Audio CD, MP3 CD

Input Formats: WAV, MP3

Install Languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

1.4. Software Components

VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™ has 2 modes:

1. Easy Wizard Mode

Follow on-screen instructions to record audio from your cassette or LP record players and create MP3s, MP3 CDs, or audio CDs.

2. Advanced Mode

Create WAV files. Edit or convert audio to MP3s and CDs. The Advanced Mode is composed of the following 3 steps.

- 1) Record
- 2) Edit
- 3) Publish

2. VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™ Installation

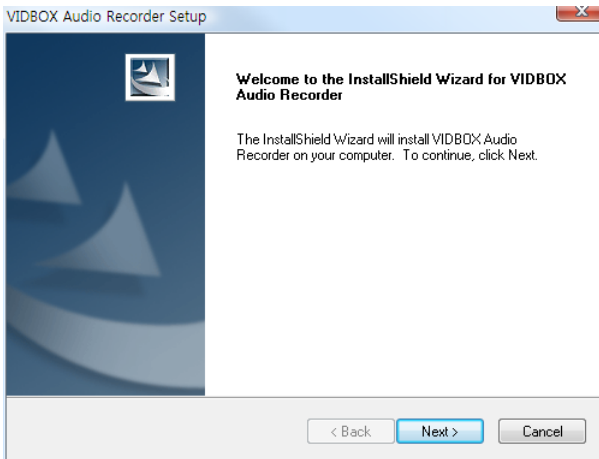
2.1. Installing VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™

2.1.1. Insert the installation CD into your CD/DVD drive on your computer.

2.1.2. The installation process will start automatically.

*Note: If the installation does NOT start automatically, double-click on **Setup.exe** file on the installation CD to begin the installation process.*

2.1.3. Click **[Next>]** to continue the installation.



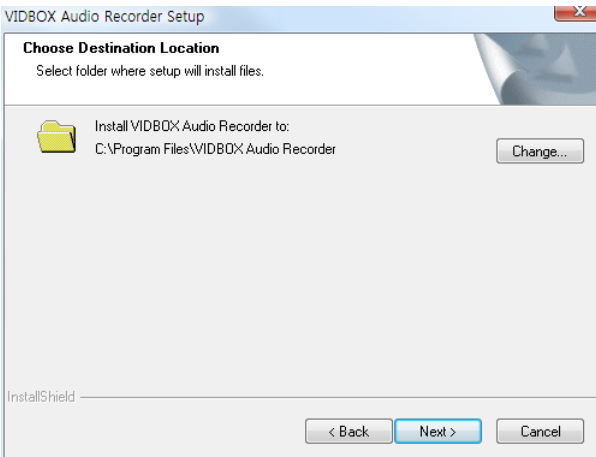
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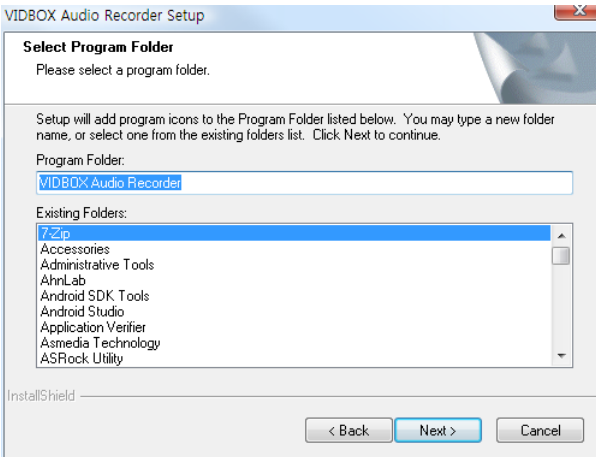
Click **[Next >]** after accepting the License Agreement to continue with the installation.



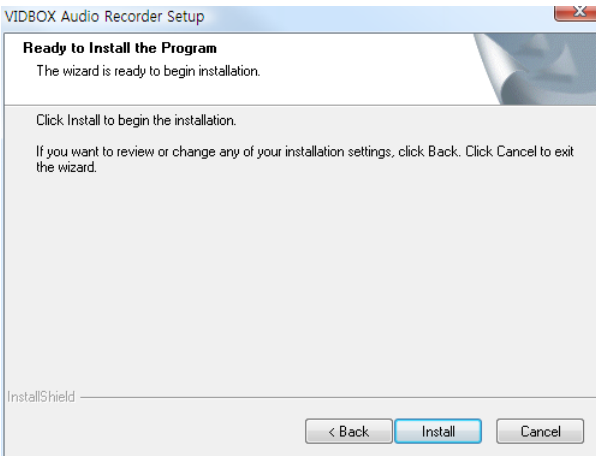
2.1.5. Click **[Change...]** if you want to install the software in a different folder. Click **[Next >]** to continue with the installation.



2.1.6. Accept the default program folder or create your own program folder by entering a new folder name. Then click **[Next >]** to continue with the installation.

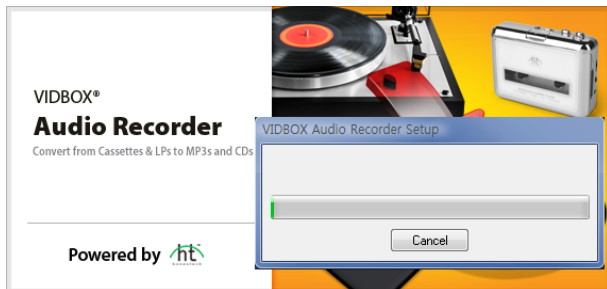


2.1.7. Click **[Install]** to start installing the software with the current setting. If you want to change the setting, click on **[<Back]** to go back to the previous screen.

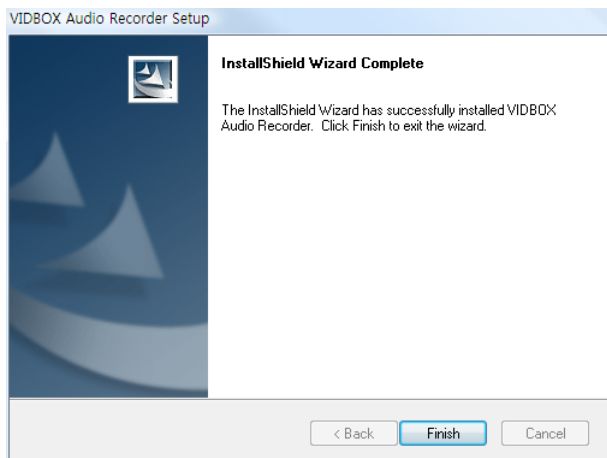


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2.1.8. Setup status screen will display the installation progress. Please wait for completion.



2.1.9. Click on **[Finish]** to complete the installation.



3. Using VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™






You can start VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™ by simply double-clicking on this icon.

Or you can start the program through the **Start** menu button by clicking

Start → All Programs → VIDBOX Audio Recorder → VIDBOX Audio Recorder

The following screen will be displayed when the program starts.

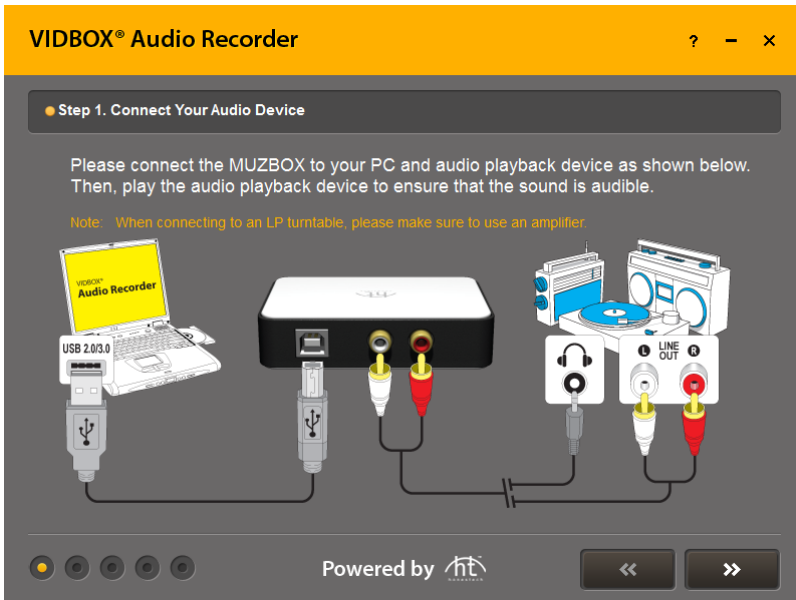


-  Help: View Help files.
-  Minimize: Minimize the screen.
-  Exit: Exit the program.

3.1. Easy Wizard Mode

You can start Easy Wizard Mode by clicking **Easy Wizard Mode** on the main screen.

3.1.1. Step 1. Connect Your Audio Device



Connect the MUZBOX to your audio playback device.

- Step 1. Connect the MUZBOX to your music player using the composite cable.
- Step 2. Connect the MUZBOX to your PC using the USB cable.
- Step 3. Play the music player and adjust the volume on the player.

3.1.2. Step 2. Volume Setting



Adjust the volume on your music player for best audio quality. Set your recording levels so they do not exceed the red area beyond. Rare occurrences are acceptable, but continual playback in red may result in distorted sound.

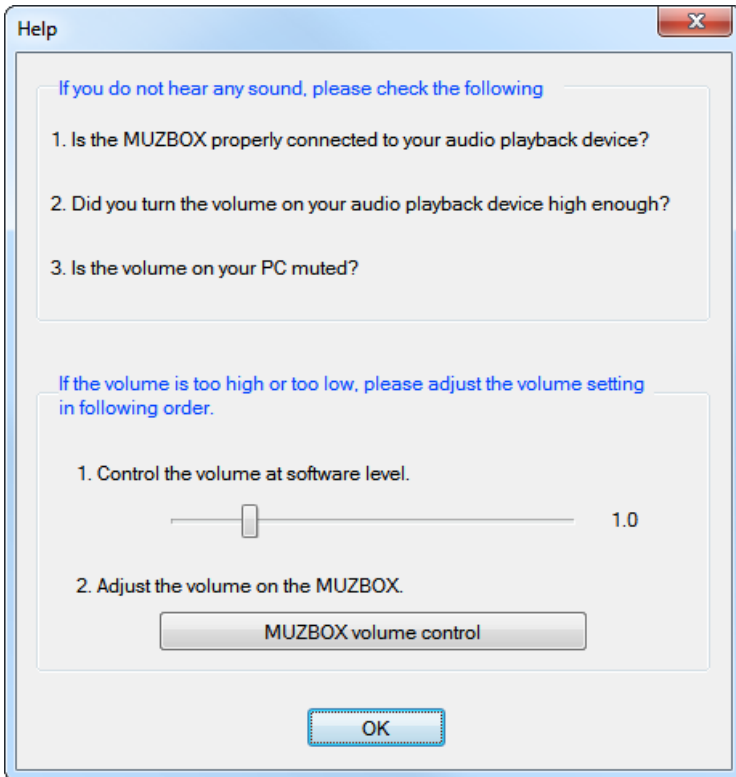
Note: The music player must be playing audio.

1.  : Help button

Click on the button to view the help document.

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3.1.2.1. Help



You can control various volume settings at the hardware level or software level.

1. Adjust the volume on the MUZBOX.
2. Adjust the recording volume.
3. Adjust the master volume on your Windows OS. This does not affect the recording.

3.1.3. Step 3. Record Settings



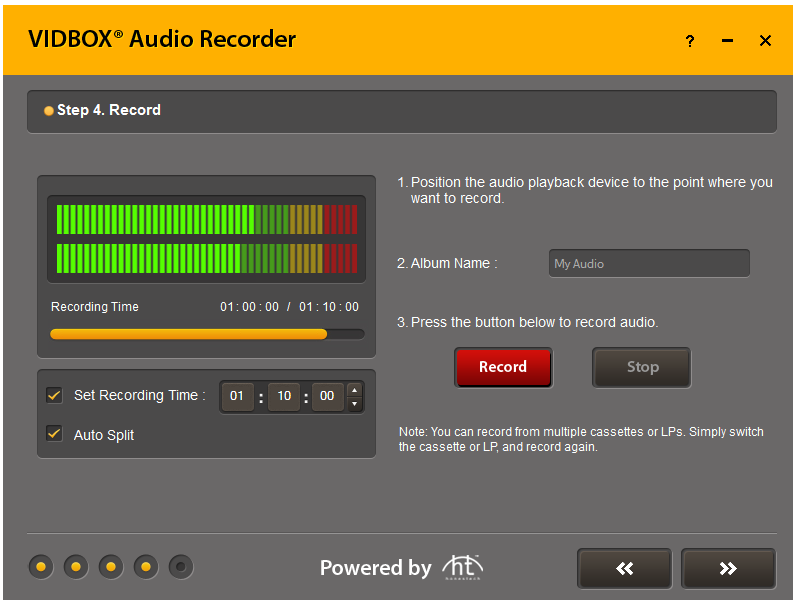
You can turn the noise reduction option on/off and select the output folder.

1.  **Noise Reduction** : Noise reduction option.
Reduces static or hiss during recording.

2.  : Output folder setting.

Select a folder where the recorded audio tracks will be stored.

3.1.4. Step 4. Record



Prepare for recording.

- Step 1. Rewind the position the music player to the point where you want to record.
- Step 2. Enter album name.
This album name will be used as prefix for your output file, and is limited to 30 characters or less.
- Step 3. Play your music player and click on the **Record** button.
- Step 4. Click the **Stop** button, and a recorded track in MP3 format will be created.
If the track size is over 2GB, it will be split into 2 or more files.

1.  : Recording time setting

Set the recording time, and the recording will stop automatically at the pre-defined time (HH:MM:SS).

Maximum time is 23:59:59 (23 hours 59 minutes and 59 seconds).

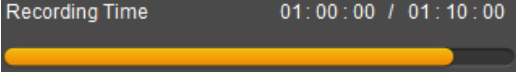
If you do not set the recording time, you will need to stop the recording manually by clicking on the **Stop** button.

2.  : Auto Split

Searches for the gaps in between songs and automatically creates new tracks.

3.  : Record/Stop button

Play your music player and click on the **Record** button to start recording.
When you click the **Stop** button, the recording will stop.

4.  : Recording status

Displays the recording status (only when the “Set Recording Time” option is used).

3.1.5. Step 5. Publish



Select to open the folder where the audio is saved or burn the content to CD.



1.  : Open File Location

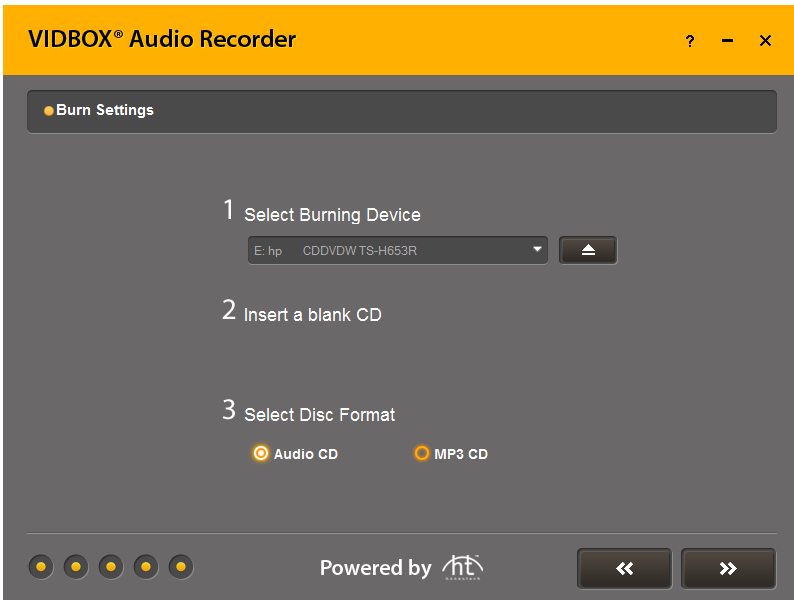
Opens the folder containing the audio just recorded (it will be the same as the location selected at Step 3).



2.  : Burn CD

Proceeds to CD burning options.

3.1.6. Burn Settings



Select a burning device (CD/DVD writer) and output format.

- Step 1. Select a burning device from the list of available CD/DVD writers on your PC.
- Step 2. Insert a blank CD.
- Step 3. Select your output format (Audio CD or MP3 CD).

1.  : Select CD/DVD writer

Select a burning device from the list of available CD/DVD writers on your PC.

2.  : Eject button

Eject the CD writer tray.

3.  : Output format option

Select the output format (default setting: audio CD).

Audio CDs work with almost every CD player but hold less audio content.

MP3 CDs work with computers and certain compatible CD players but store more audio.

3.1.1.7. Burn CD



Getting ready for CD burning

- Step 1. Create a list of audio tracks to be burned onto the CD.
- Step 2. Burn the audio files to CD.

1.  : Add / Remove buttons

Add or remove audio files from the list.

2. Click in the "Track Name" field and enter the song title / track name.

3.  507.1 / 702.5MB : Available disc space

Displays the amount of available space remaining on the CD.

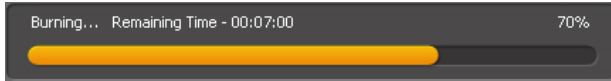
A red mark indicates that the required space exceeds what is available on the CD.

If a red mark appears, you will need to remove one or more audio files from the list.



4. : Burn button

Click to start burning.



5. : Burning status

Displays the burning progress.

3.2. Advanced Mode

You can start the Advanced Mode by clicking **Advanced Mode** on the main screen.

3.2.1. Record

Record

In the Record phase, you can adjust the input volume and reduce unwanted noise or static. The audio is recorded in WAV format, but you can convert it into MP3 format.



Adjust the volume bar on the screen or your music player for best audio quality. Set your recording levels so that they do not light up the red area at the top of the graphs. Rare occurrences are acceptable, but continual playback in red may result in distorted sound.






1.  : Record button

Click to record the audio from your music player.



2. : Stop button

Stop recording. Recorded tracks will be added to the list as shown below.

File	Play Time	Size	Format
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  AudioTrack 01.wav	00 : 02 : 28	24.94 MB	44100Hz 16bit Stereo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  AudioTrack 03.wav	00 : 03 : 14	32.77 MB	44100Hz 16bit Stereo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  AudioTrack 04.wav	00 : 04 : 17	43.25 MB	44100Hz 16bit Stereo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  AudioTrack 08.wav	00 : 03 : 49	38.57 MB	44100Hz 16bit Stereo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  AudioTrack 09.wav	00 : 02 : 57	29.88 MB	44100Hz 16bit Stereo

3.  AudioTrack 01.wav : Selection box

Place a checkmark in the box next to each audio track you wish to convert or burn to CD.



4. : Options button

Adjust various recording settings.



5. : Publish button

Adds the selected audio tracks to the burn list and opens the **Publish** window.



6. : Recording volume

Controls the loudness of your audio by increasing or decreasing the volume.



7. : Recording time setting

Set the recording time, and the recording will stop automatically at the pre-defined time (HH:MM:SS).

Maximum time is 23:59:59 (23 hours 59 minutes and 59 seconds).

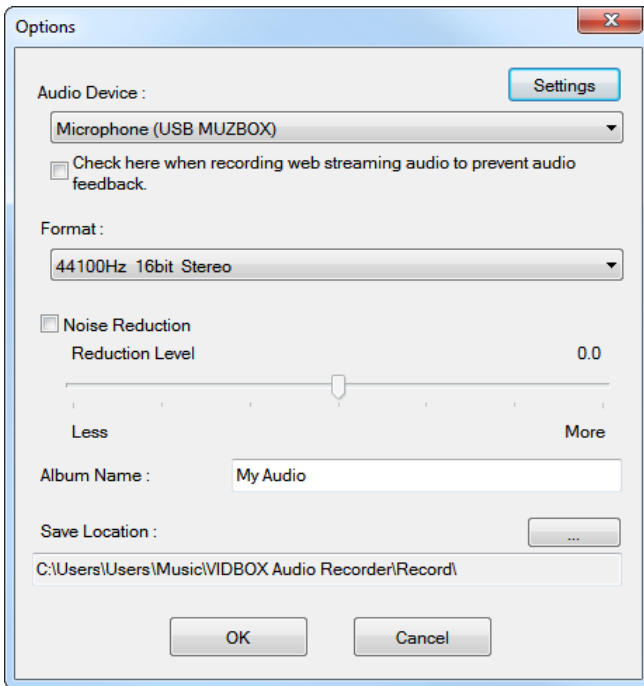
8. **WAV** **00:25:45** **230MB** : File status

Displays the track length and size during the recording.


9.  : Recording status


Displays the recording progress (only when the "Recording Time" option is used).

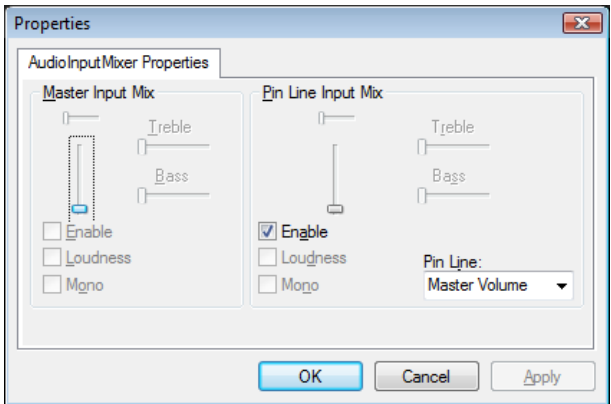
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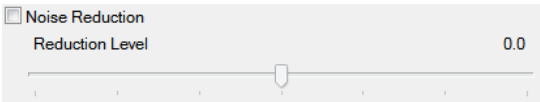
These options allow you to select a recording device, audio quality, noise reductions, etc.

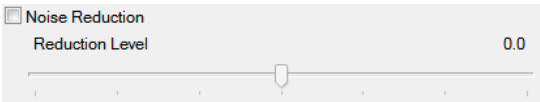
1.  : Capture device
Select a recording device from the available devices.

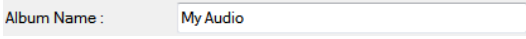
- 2.  : Capture device settings
Adjust the volume for the capture device.




- 3.  : Audio format setting
Select the audio quality format for your recording



- 4.  : Noise reduction setting
Adjust the noise reduction setting to eliminate unwanted background noise or static.

- 5.  : Album Name setting
The name you enter will be the prefix for all output file names.

- 6.  : Output folder setting

Select output folder where recorded audio files will be saved to.

3.2.2. Edit



Edit the audio you captured in the Record section. You can also edit personal audio files including WAV, MP3, and WMA.

**Protected audio files you purchased cannot be edited.*



You can split tracks manually or automatically using the “Auto Split” option. You can add various special effects to your audio recordings.

1.  : Open File button

Add recorded WAV files to the list or import pre-existing WAV files.

2.  : Auto Split button

Searches for the gaps in between songs and automatically creates split marks for each track. This eliminates the need for the long editing process required to split the tracks manually.

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3.  : Clear button


Undo "Auto Split" and merge the tracks back into a single file.

4.  : Split button

Splits the audio file into multiple tracks marked by split marks.

5.  : Zoom In / Out / Fix Window buttons

Zoom in and out, or view the entire waveform at once.

6.  : Play / Pause / Stop buttons


Play the selected segment or pause / stop the playback.

7.  : Start / End position buttons

Jump to the start or end position.

8.  : Rewind / Forward buttons

Rewind or fast forward (in 5 sec units).

9.  : Play Time display
Displays the current playhead location and the total playback time.

10.  : Volume control

Controls the playback volume.

11.  : Effect button

Add various effects to the audio file. Select one of the following options to choose from. Please refer to the Effects section for details.

Amplify
 Normalize
 Noise Reduction
 Fade In/Out

12.  : Undo button

Undo all the effects you added to the audio file.

13.  : Selection box

Place a checkmark in the box next to each audio track you wish to convert or burn to CD.

14.  : Publish button

Add selected audio tracks to the burn list and open the **Publish** window.

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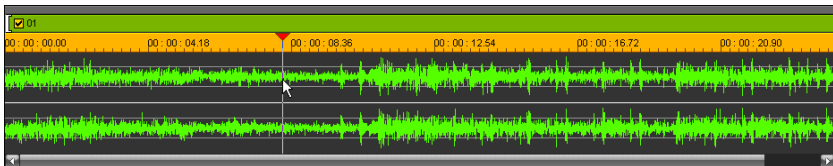
3.2.2.1 Split options

- Step 1. Import audio file to be edited.
 - Click and browse for audio file that you want to edit.



(After importing one audio file)

- Step 2. Click on the waveform where you want to split your tracks, and a split line will be added as shown below.



The split line can be moved or adjusted by clicking and dragging anywhere on the line.

- Step 3. Click the Split button to split tracks where the split line has been placed. When you split tracks, a split mark with an [X] on top will appear where the audio track has been split, and the separated tracks will be added to the burn list.

- Undo "Split":

Click the [X] on top of the split mark to merge the tracks before and after the split mark.

- Select/deselect track:

You can check or uncheck the checkbox for each audio track in the burn list or above the waveform.

Track	Start Time	Play Time	Track Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01	00:45:30	00:45:30	My_Music_174153_Track01
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02	00:43:25	00:43:25	My_Music_174153_Track02
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	00:50:08	00:50:08	My_Music_174153_Track03
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	00:03:55	00:03:55	My_Music_174153_Track04

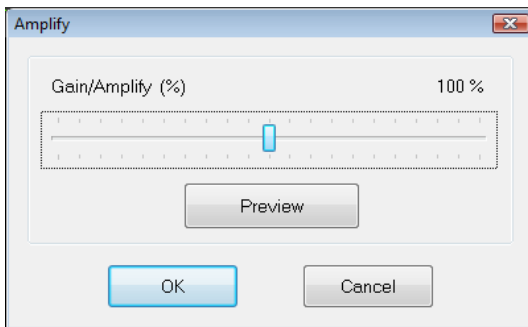
3.2.2.2 Adding effects

You can add the following effects to your audio tracks.

- 1) Amplify
- 2) Normalize
- 3) Noise Reduction
- 4) Fade In / Out

- The first three effects will be added to the entire track while “fade in/out” will be applied to selected sections only.

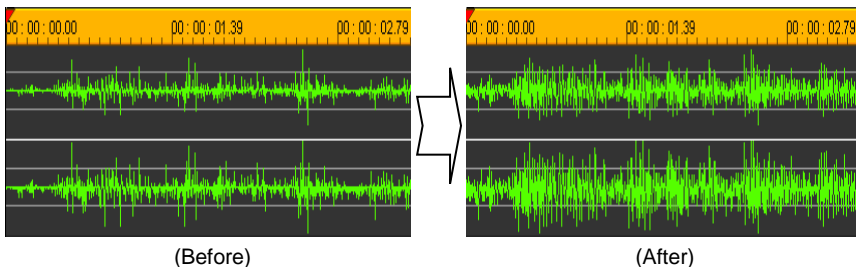
- Amplify



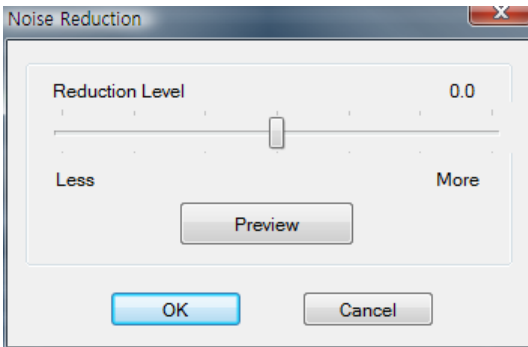
The digital amplifier allows you to increase or decrease the volume level for the select audio track. Click the **Preview** button to check it before finalizing the effect.

- Normalize

Use the digital normalizer to control irregular volume.



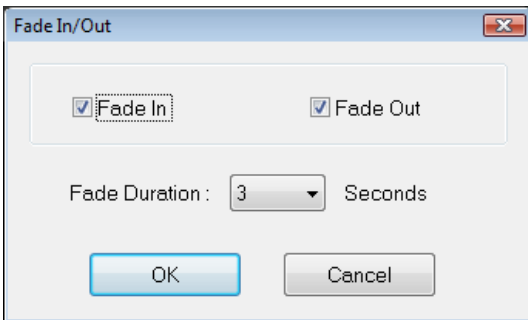
- Noise Reduction



You can reduce unwanted noise or static from recorded audio tracks.

1. Adjust the noise reduction level and click the **Preview** button to check the result.
2. If acceptable, click **OK** to apply the effect.

- Fade In/Out



You can apply **Fade In/Out** to the beginning and end of the audio clip.

- Fade In
Slowly increase the volume for the selected duration.
- Fade Out
Slowly decrease the volume for the selected duration.

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3.2.3. Publish



Convert WAV files into MP3, MP3 CDs, or audio CDs.

1. Audio CD MP3 CD WAV File MP3 File : Output format option

1) Audio CD: Create audio CD using the selected WAV files.

2) MP3 CD: Convert selected WAV files into MP3 files and burn them to MP3 CD.

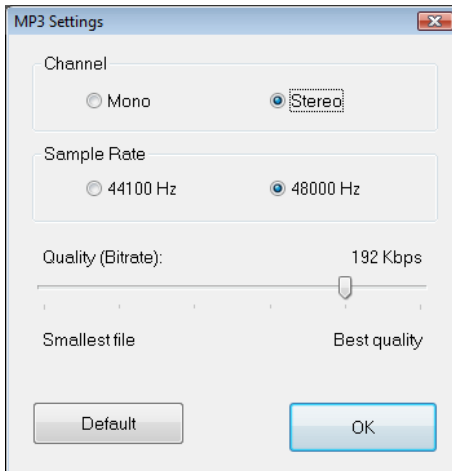
3) WAV File: Create WAV files.

4) MP3 File: Convert selected WAV files into MP3 files.

※ ID3 Tag information (album name, artist, song title) will be added to the MP3 files.


2.  : Options button

This button is available only when the MP3 CD or MP3 file types are selected. Adjust MP3 file settings including sample rate and bit rate.



3.  : Eject button

Eject the tray of CD/DVD writer.

4.  : Output folder setting

Select an output folder.

5.   : Add / Remove buttons

Add or remove tracks from the burn list.

For MP3 files, the ID3 Tag information will be shown in the Track Name field.

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6. : Start button

Begin the burning / conversion process.



7. : Close button

Close the **Publish** window.



8. :

Available disc space status

Displays the amount of available free space remaining on the CD.

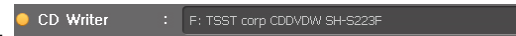
A red mark will indicate that the required space exceeds the space available on the CD.

If you see the red mark, you will need to remove one or more audio tracks from the list.



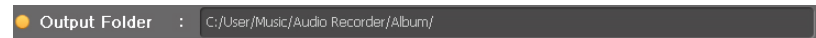
9. : Burning status

Displays the burning progress.



10. : Select burning device

Select a CD/DVD writer.



11. :

Output folder setting

Select a folder where the converted tracks will be saved.



12. : Set Album Name

Enter an album name*. If the MP3 file already has an album name in its ID3 Tag, the album name will be entered automatically.

* Use 30 characters or less (this will be used as CD label also).

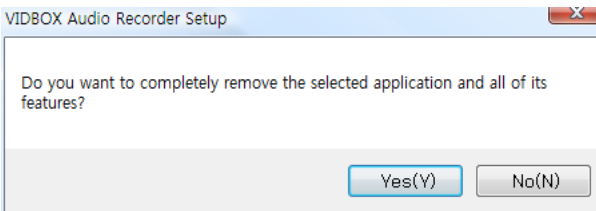
4. Uninstall VIDBOX® Audio Recorder™

1. Find its program group

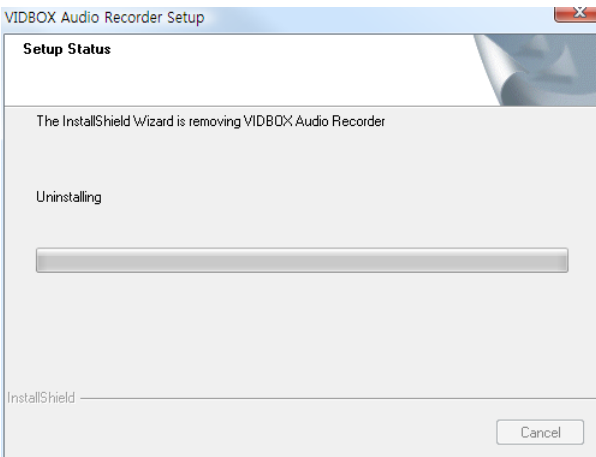
Start → All Programs → VIDBOX Audio Recorder → Uninstall VIDBOX Audio Recorder

2. Select **Uninstall VIDBOX Audio Recorder**.

Please click **[Yes]** to uninstall.



3. Uninstalling progress.



4. Uninstall Complete

You will see a screen confirming a successful completion. Please click **[Finish]** to finish the process.

