

SONIC ATOMS

NOVEL PIANO

RICH AND DELICATE UPRIGHT PIANO

User manual

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Prologue

We recorded an elegant contemporary upright piano, in semi-dry room. Which gives our instrument nice and present close sound. But You can still hear a room reacting to that sound. The most gorgeous sound recorded is with mute pedal (Novel Piano patch). It sound amazing from up close, but room sound gives it even more character and depth. It may not be perfect for all scenarios though. That is why there is another set of samples recorded traditionally without mute (Scoring Piano patch) to make our instrument more flexible and useful in more every day situations. Smaller but very important part of Novel Piano library is sustain pedal mechanism, which volume can be changed directly from instrument GUI.

Piano was recorded with 7 microphones: 2 close mics pointing sound board, 1 close microphone placed low just above the ground to capture entire richness and low-end, 2 room mics placed just behind player in order to capture player's perspective, 2 ambience mics placed 5 meters from the piano.

We spent a lot of time in post production, carefully choosing samples from different takes to make sure everyone sounds nice and clear. We also denoised all recorded tracks to avoid unwanted noise stacking while playing an instrument. We mixed all recorded tracks to stereo. It makes our library very light for CPU and RAM and also makes it perfect companion for traveling musicians who use notebooks.

Technical Requirements

Novel Piano requirements:

Disk space: 270 Mb

RAM: 4Gb

Display resolution: 1366 x 768 (1920 x 1080 recommended)

Mac OS: 10.12 / 10.13 / 10.14 / 10.15

Windows 64 bit: 8.x/10

*Novel Piano is a sample library created with Steinberg's Halion sampler. It requires free [Halion Sonic SE3](#) to be installed in your system to run. If don't have Halion 6, Halion Sonic 3 or Halion Sonic SE3 already installed, you need to [login / register](#) to steinberg user account and activate your free license of Halion Sonic SE3. Activation requires [eLicencer](#) software which you can also download directly from Steinberg's website.

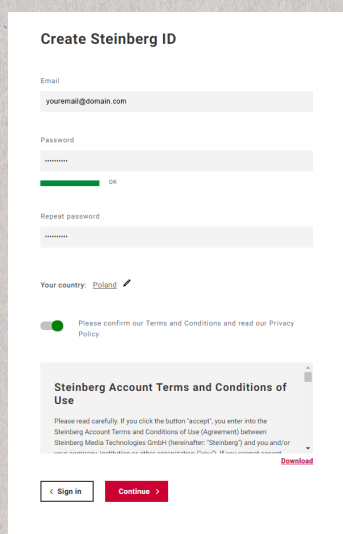
Installation and activation process is described in detail in Installation chapter.

Installation

Novel Piano is a sample library created for Steinberg's Halion software family. If you don't own Halion 6 or Halion Sonic 3 you need free copy of Halion Sonic SE3. You also need eLicencer software to activate Halion Sonic SE3.

Part 1 - Setting up [MySteinberg](https://my.steinberg.com) account (only if you don't have one yet)

Step 1

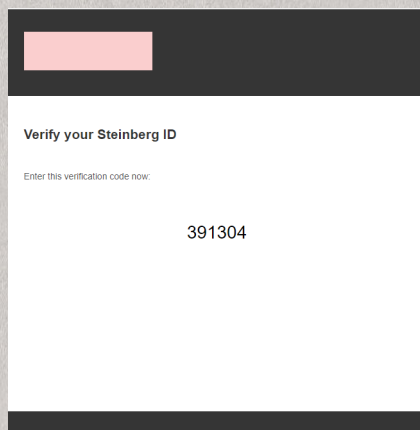


The screenshot shows the 'Create Steinberg ID' registration form. It includes fields for Email (pre-filled with 'youremail@domain.com'), Password (with a strength indicator showing 'OK'), and Repeat password. Below these is a 'Your country' dropdown menu set to 'Poland'. A toggle switch is turned on, with the text 'Please confirm our Terms and Conditions and read our Privacy Policy.' Below this is a link to 'Steinberg Account Terms and Conditions of Use'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Sign in' and 'Continue'.

Visit [my.steinberg](https://my.steinberg.com) website and press "Create Steinberg ID"

Fill forms and click "Continue".

Step 2



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Check your email and copy **verification code** from Steinberg.

Step 3

For security reasons, verify your Steinberg ID

To verify your email address, please enter the verification code we sent to contact@sonicatoms.com

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[Resend verification code email](#)

Go back to web browser and paste your **verification code** to confirm your Steinberg account

Step 4

Your Steinberg ID has been verified

You have created your Steinberg ID.

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Your my.steinberg account should now be active

Part 2 - Installing and registering eLicencer software

Step 1

eLicencer Control Setup

WELCOME TO THE INSTALLATION PROGRAM FOR eLICENSER CONTROL VERSION 6.11.10.2266

To ensure an installation free from errors, we recommend:

- Please end all other programs.
- Please plug any available USB-eLicencers into USB ports of your computer.

Continue with the next step of the installation process.

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[Download](#) and install latest eLicencer

Step 2

eLicencer Control Setup

Completing the Installation

The eLicencer Control software is now ready for use.

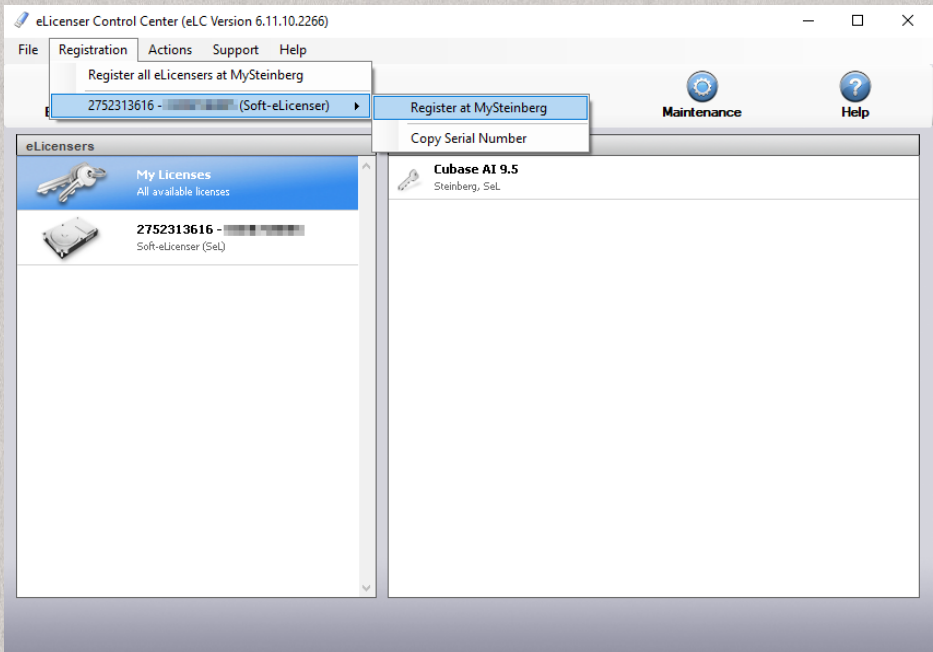
Please select the options to be performed after completion of the installation.

- ☐ Show Release Notes
- ☒ Start 'eLicencer Control Center'
- ☒ Create shortcut to 'eLicencer Control Center' on Desktop

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Install elicencer and run it after installation.

Step 3



In Registration menu choose "Register at MySteinberg" or "Register all eLicencers at MySteinberg".

This will open mysteinberg website in your web browser.

Login to your mysteinberg account if needed.

After that your Soft - eLicencer should be registered.

Press "Continue".

Part 3 - Installing Halion Sonic SE3 (skip this part if you have Halion 6 or Halion Sonic 3)

Step 1

Request free license of Halion Sonic SE3 at [product page](#).

Press “Submit” to request a license

compatible host and as a stand-alone application for macOS and Windows.

Inside Steinberg's DAW

HALion Sonic SE 3 can be used in all of Steinberg's DAWs and loads and plays the dedicated libraries that are included in Cubase and Nuendo.

VST Sound Instrument Sets

Load and play the HALion expansion libraries like Dark Planet, Hypnotic Dance and Triebwerk in HALion Sonic SE 3.

HALion 6 user content

Create your own libraries in HALion 6 and make it accessible to your friends and collaborators who use HALion Sonic SE 3.

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Confirm ➔

After login into my.steinberg account, you'll be asked to confirm subscription.

Press “Confirm”. Your **activation code** has now been sent to your email.

Step 3

link below and get your free copy of HALion Sonic SE 3. Activate your software by using the activation code in this email.

The plug-in is available as VST 3, VST 2, AU, AAX and standalone applications.

Visit the [Steinberg Online Shop](#) to choose from tons of stunning sound libraries like [Dark Planet](#), [Hypnotic Dance](#) or [Triebwerk](#) to fuel your HALion Sonic SE 3 to the brim.

And in case you were thinking of loading your libraries created in HALion 6? Don't fret, HALion Sonic SE 3 let's you easily load your custom-made libraries right away.

Your HALion Sonic SE 3 activation code

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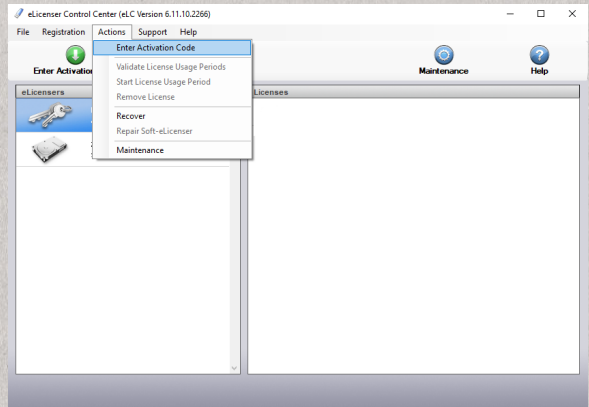
Download and Install Halion Sonic SE 3 using provided links.

Next, copy activation code from your email.

Step 4

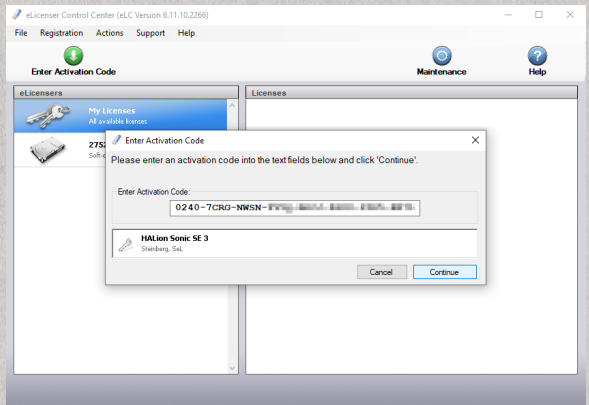
Open eLicencer software

Chose “Enter Activation Code” from Action menu



Step 5

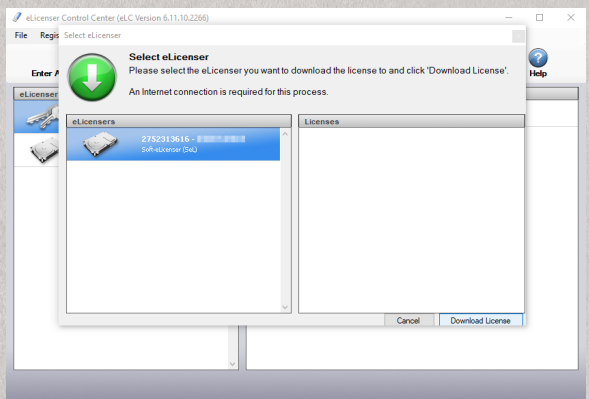
Paste your activation code and press “Continue”



Step 6

In next widow choose your soft-elicencer and press “Download License”.

Your Halion Sonic SE3 license is now active.



Part 4 - Installing Sonic Atoms sample library.

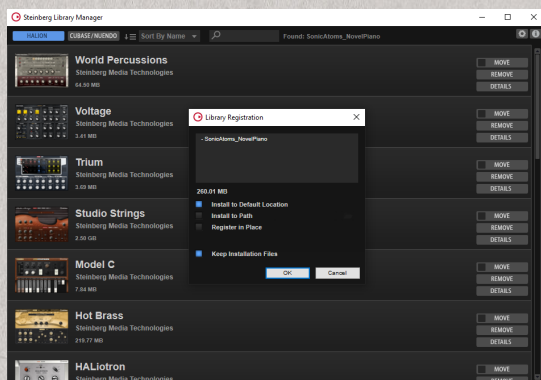
Step 1 - Double click on sample library installation file
(example: SonicAtoms_LibraryName.vstsound)



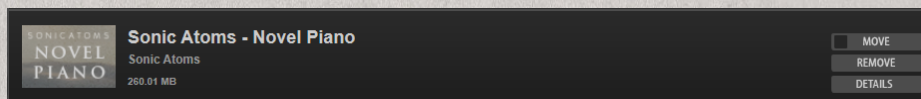
*this will open Steinberg Library Manager (if not, open Steinberg Library Manager app manually and then drag and drop “.vstsound” library file on Steinberg Library Manager window.

Step 2

Install the library into default location or choose “install path” to choose custom location.



After installation is complete, press OK and Sonic Atoms library should now be visible on your list:



User interface and controls

Novel Piano is very easy to use. It has only 3 controls, which are almost self-explanatory.

To map your midi controller use right mouse button over selected knob to choose “midi learn” feature. Then touch or turn your midi controller knob / fader.



“Release noise” knob controls piano key release samples volume. We recorded multiple takes of key release and use them as Round Robins.

“Character” knob controls brightness of Novel Piano. It is set to middle by default which gives most natural sound. But you can turn knob down to get darker sound or boost brightness by turning it up.

“Reverb Mix” knob controls onboard reverb mix balance. You may turn it down and use your favorite reverb in your DAW.

Patch list

Fairy Tale Piano

It's soft piano sound, performed with mute pedal on. Piano sound has been augmented with toy glockenspiel sound. It has one dynamic layer.

Novel Piano

Beautiful and delicate piano sound, performed with mute pedal on. It has one dynamic layer.

Scoring Piano

Traditional and clear upright piano sound. Recorded with 3 dynamic layers, controlled by key velocity.

