



ABMXXES · FREE GUIDE

THE STEM GUIDE

*How to hand your song to a MXX engineer
and get a better record back.*

EIGHT STEPS · TEN MINUTES · A FINISHED SOUND



YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING. YOU NEED THIS.

Eight steps to take a song from your DAW to a MXX engineer's desk — clean, labeled, and ready. Do them and your MXX starts ahead of where most sessions ever get. Miss them and even a great record fights uphill.

This is the exact prep we ask every artist for at ABMXXES. It costs you nothing but ten minutes, and it changes the result.



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SET YOUR LEVELS

Record about 6 dB below the red. Distortion baked into a recording is the one thing a MXX cannot remove. Leave headroom, and everything after it gets easier.

Clipping is forever. Headroom is where we work.



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COMP YOUR TAKES

Pick the best pieces, cut the rest. One clean performance per part — lead, doubles, ad-libs — each on its own track. Decisions you make now are ones we do not have to guess later.

A finished decision travels better than a folder of maybes.



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NAME EVERY TRACK FOR WHAT IT IS

Vocal_Lead. Vocal_Double. Beat_Master. 808. A stranger should understand your session at a glance — because one of us will be reading it.

Names are speed. Speed is your record back sooner.



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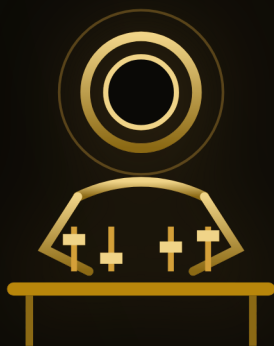
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EXPORT EACH TRACK AS ITS OWN WAV

Full length, from bar one, every file starting at the same point.

Alignment is everything. The silence at the front of a file is data, not waste.

24-bit WAV. Never MP3 — compression throws away what we work with.



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KEEP THE MASTER CLEAN

No limiter, no maximizer, nothing on the master bus when you export.
Send us the song, not a ceiling. Loud comes later — that part is ours.

Your delivery includes loud exports, built for streaming.



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ONE FOLDER, SONG TITLE + BPM

Put every stem in a single folder and name it with the title and the tempo. The BPM in the name saves a whole conversation.

If you know the key, add it to your notes too.



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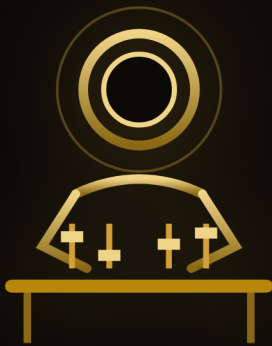
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DROP IN YOUR ROUGH

Bounce your rough MXX as a WAV and include it. It tells us what you were hearing — your intent rides along with the files.

A reference track named in your notes is the fastest sentence in music.



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ZIP IT AND SEND

Right-click the folder, compress it, one file with everything inside and nothing loose. Then send it at abmxxes.com.

Mac: right-click → Compress. Windows: Send to → Compressed folder.



YOU RISK NOTHING TO START.

At ABMXXES, we review every stem **before you pay a dollar**. If something needs fixing, you hear it from us first — not after the invoice. You are never charged for a MXX you have not heard about honestly.

- 01 You upload your stems
- 02 We review every file — human ears
- 03 Problems flagged to you, or approved
- 04 Only then do you pay
- 05 The MXX · one revision included
- 06 Delivery: WAV, MP3, loud exports

The order of operations is the trust. That sequence is why sending your first song to a stranger online does not have to be a gamble.



BEFORE YOU SEND — THE CHECKLIST

- ✦ Levels recorded with headroom, nothing clipping
- ✦ Takes comped — one clean performance per track
- ✦ Every track named plainly (Vocal_Lead, 808, Beat_Master)
- ✦ All stems exported as full-length 24-bit WAVs from bar one
- ✦ Master bus clean — no limiter, no maximizer
- ✦ One folder named with title + BPM
- ✦ Rough MXX included as WAV
- ✦ Zipped: one file, one upload





YOUR NEXT RECORD STARTS HERE.

Send your stems at abmxxes.com. We will review them, tell you what we hear, and you decide from there. No pressure, no payment until approval.

FIRST MXX?

\$10 comes off automatically at checkout. No code needed.

4-7 day delivery from stem approval · up to 20 stems included · one revision, included

WHEN THE RECORD NEEDS A ROOM

HUNGRY DOG SOUND & STUDIO

Some songs want to be made in person — real mic, real room, an engineer across the glass. For in-person recording sessions, ABMXXES records at Hungry Dog Sound & Studio in Austin, TX.

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Every session includes a same-day rough MXX and a final MXX delivered in 4–7 days.

Rates and booking: abmxxes.com → [Session Rates](#)

