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Mastering Options

Affordable mastering, using customised analogue gear combined with the latest in digital technology.

1. Basic mastering: £45 per piece

- A good place to begin. We listen to you (no robots here!), including one revision;
- EQ, balance, stereo width, compression, and noise reduction if needed;
- 'Loudness' to match your tastes while meeting the latest industry standards.

2. Deluxe Mastering: £65 per piece

- For mixes that need more attention, or for pieces that you want to really shine;
- The same details as above, but finished through our customised analogue chain;
- We simply spend more time and TLC on each piece to bring out its absolute best.

3. Stem group mastering: add £6 per 'stem group' to the rates above

This option is becoming increasingly common. It involves mastering not a stereo mix, but rather pre-mixed groups of stems (e.g. drum group, lead vocal, backing vocal group, etc.). For example, 6 stem groups would be an additional charge of $6 \times £6 = £36$ per song. A good option if you want to avoid the effort, time and expense of a full stereo mix.

4. CD track layout with embedded track info ('DDP' file): add £40 to the total

The above options will provide you with a 'wav' file as well as a high-resolution 'mp4'. Often, this is all that is needed; e.g. for streaming or downloads. However, if you are making a CD, then there is one more step before it can go to pressing. Please check with your record label to find out whether they will make the DDP, or if that is your responsibility.

Discounts

CD / Album discount: 25% off mastering *all* the tracks of an album.

Fulltime student? Take an additional 10% off. (ID required).

Guarantee: if you or your record label are dissatisfied with the technical quality of the recording, and don't want to release it for that reason, you pay nothing.

Please note that this guarantee only covers those technical aspects over which we have had control. It does not cover other issues, such as compositional, artistic, or business factors.