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Apogee Announces Duet 3 and Duet Dock



Apogee is delighted to announce the Duet 3, the long-awaited successor of the legendary Duet audio interface. In 2007, Apogee unveiled the first Duet, practically turning the audio world upside down. The Duet was the first premium audio interface featuring a revolutionary desktop design, intuitive user interface and superior sound quality. No wonder that its design and UI concept has since been imitated by many and became the de facto industry standard. Still, the legendary Apogee sound quality remained unmatched. Duet 3 is the next evolutionary step and shines with a beautiful glossy, extremely flat and elegant housing made of glass and aluminum, which perfectly matches the product philosophy with its modern design language. Equipped with 2 inputs and 4 outputs, as well as 2 USB-C ports and an internal hardware DSP for the Symphony ECS Channel Strip, Duet 3 enables for the first time latency-free recording with effects. The Symphony ECS Channel Strip presets have been tuned by none other than mixing legend Bob Clearmountain, so professional sound is at your fingertips. The new designed ultra-low noise mic preamps combined with the legendary Apogee AD/DA converters and practical features like the zero-ohm headphone output make the Duet 3 the perfect partner for music creation, vocal and voice recording, streaming and even gaming - in the studio or on the road. Included is a convenient travel case for transportation. The new elegant and practical Duet Dock ensures perfect ergonomics in the studio and is available as an option. The Duet 3 and Duet Dock will be available around July 2021.

Product Video: <https://bit.ly/3gnKKeI>

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- Apogee announces Duet 3 and Duet Dock
- 2-in/4-out USB-C audio interface, bus-powered
- 2 mic preamps with pristine quality
- Built-in Hardware DSP
- Apogee Symphony ECS ChannelStrip plug-in for latency free recording
- Zero Ohm headphone out
- Compatible with iPad OS, macOS and Windows
- Including protective travel case and Breakout cable
- Optional Duet Dock available

Product name

Duet 3
Duet Dock

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Apogee

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Sound Service GmbH

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www.apogeedigital.com

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Berlin, 15th of June 2021 - In 2007, the original Apogee Duet shattered the expectations of what a home studio interface could be. Professional, personal and portable, Duet revolutionized independent recording and empowered musicians, producers and engineers with legendary Apogee sound quality, elegant design and effortless ease of use. Now, the all-new Duet 3 brings next-generation Apogee performance and features to a beautiful ultra-low profile glass and aluminum case. Duet 3 includes on-board hardware DSP featuring the Symphony ECS Channel Strip for zero-latency recording with FX. Tuned by Bob Clearmountain, the ECS Channel Strip includes presets custom crafted by the legendary mixer so you can dial in a pro recording sound instantly. Ideal for music creation, voice recording, streaming and even gaming, you can use Duet 3 with your Mac or Windows workstation in your studio or on the go. Take your Duet 3 to the next level with the sleek Duet Dock* for the ultimate ergonomic desktop experience.

*Sold Separately

Leaders in Digital Audio Recording Since 1985

As the industry leader in digital audio technology for over 35 years, Apogee is the choice for top artists and recording professionals on countless GRAMMY® and OSCAR® winning recordings. This is because Apogee digital audio converters, preamps and plugins simply Sound Amazing®.

Analog and Digital Design Harmony

Achieving pristine sound quality in a digital audio interface requires experienced engineering that artfully orchestrates AD/DA converters, digital clocking, analog circuitry and power management technology to achieve a harmonious blend of carefully selected components and thoughtful design. Duet is the result of decades of innovation and expertise and delivers sound quality unmatched in its class.

Legendary AD/DA Converters and World-Class Mic Preamps

With two inputs and four outputs of legendary Apogee AD/DA conversion, plus two world-class preamps, Duet is the perfect partner for your home and mobile studio. Connect microphones, guitars, keyboard and line level devices to capture every detail.

Monitor and mix with the full depth and dimension of your sound through two truly-balanced, line-level analog outputs for speakers. And, power your headphones with a zero-ohm headphone output for a dedicated headphone mix.

One of the most critical components for high quality recording is your preamp and the pres in Apogee Duet are world-class. With up to 60dB of gain and 48k phantom power, you can cleanly and precisely capture any audio source with even the most demanding microphones. Meticulous Apogee engineering, keeps noise and distortion down, even as you crank up the gain.

Plug in to Onboard DSP

To capture your best performance, you need to dial in an inspiring sound quickly and easily. And few things are more distracting than latency when trying to record. Duet gives you built-in DSP for Apogee FX processing to precisely shape your sound on input and give you great sounding tracks, all while eliminating the delay that can occur when recording.

Symphony ECS Channel Strip - Tuned by Bob Clearmountain

The Symphony ECS Channel Strip*, tuned by legendary mixer Bob Clearmountain, includes EQ, Compression and Saturation controls that let you create the optimal blend of channel FX for tracking vocals or acoustic instruments. Choose from multiple hand crafted Clearmountain presets and record with zero latency through Duet's onboard DSP.

*Native version of Symphony ECS Channel Strip plugin sold separately

Apogee Control 2 Software

The all new Apogee Control software gives you complete control of all Duet functions and features including the Symphony ECS Channel Strip FX running on Duet's hardware DSP. Apogee Control 2 is shared across all Apogee products and will enable Apogee support and engineering to quickly react to future macOS and Windows OS updates helping to ensure compatibility for your workstation.

Beautiful Inside and Out

Sound quality comes first, but stunning design is a close second. Your audio interface is the centerpiece of your studio and should be an engaging collaborator in your creative space. Duet's control knob delivers a luxurious and dependable feel for dialing in monitor levels, mic pre gain, and navigating through functions. The knob's subtle purple underlighting provides the perfect accent for the Duet experience. Precisely contoured for ergonomic control on your desktop, the low profile body is topped with scratch-resistant gorilla glass for a modern look and resilient protection.

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Duet Dock - The Ultimate Duet Desktop Experience

Duet set the standard for making music and recording on the go with its small footprint and flexible breakout cable. But when working in your studio, the best way to use Duet 3 is with the all new Duet Dock (sold separately). The Dock positions Duet at the ideal angle for quick adjustments and meter and function visibility. The rear panel connectors on Duet Dock make it easier to organize and connect your cables to Duet.
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Features and Technical Specifications Duet 3

- Best-in-class Apogee conversion and mic preamps
- 2x4 USB Type C audio interface
- All-new low profile design with aluminum base and gorilla glass top and knob cover
- Input and output connections via breakout cable:
- 2x 1/4" Instrument inputs
- 2x Mic/line inputs
- 1/8" Headphone output
- Bus powered / External power optional via USB Type C port
- Built in hardware DSP FX featuring the Symphony ECS Channel Strip tuned by Bob Clearmountain
- macOS, Windows 10 compatible
- USB Type-C and Type A cable included
- Compatibility
- macOS: 10.14 Mojave or later (Apple silicon or Intel processor)
- PC: Windows 10 Anniversary update or later

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- (2x) Balanced XLR Mic/Line inputs
- (2x) Unbalanced 1/4" TS Instrument inputs
- (2x) Balanced 1/4" TRS Line Outputs
- 3.5mm Unbalanced TRS Stereo Headphone Jack
- (2x) USB-C connections for host and power supply

About Apogee Electronics

Since 1985, Apogee has produced innovative, award-winning technology that powers many of the world's most respected studios. Products like Symphony I/O, 2020 TEC Award Nominee Symphony Desktop, Duet, JAM+, MiC+ and HypeMiC have been instrumental in capturing countless GRAMMY® and OSCAR® winning performances by today's biggest artists. No one cares more about sound than we do.

About the Company Sound Service GmbH

Founded in 1983, the Berlin based Sound Service GmbH has been growing steadily from a one-product-distributor (MFB Fricke; the world's first digital drum machine) to one of the major independent German distribution companies for musical instruments recording studio equipment and PA, Lightning and DJ products. Today Sound Service is one of the leading distribution companies in Europe with exclusive distribution rights for a lot of the A-List MI-brands covering most of the countries in Europe.