

GROOVE MONKEE ELECTRONIC

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Groove Monkee Electronic is a collection of more than 1,400 royalty-free rhythm loops, designed for use in contemporary electronic music. Each rhythm loop is provided in four formats: single-track, multi-track, groove clip and Cakewalk Session Drummer.

We tested the loops in Cubase SX3 and Logic Pro 7 and had no problems importing the MIDI loops. Because all the loops are provided in so many formats, it is possible to choose the format that suits your working environment. Using the loops to control kits selected in Battery 2, we found it easiest to use the single-track files, although if you want to use a different plug-in for one piece of the kit from the plug-in you're using for the rest – the kick drum, for example – you could use the multi-track loops and direct the required track to a different plug-in instrument.

The files are sorted into 12 folders covering each of the major electronica genres:

house, jungle, techno, drum'n'bass and so on. In most cases the folder and file name is a good indicator of the genre of the loop, although there is no reason why you couldn't load a breakbeat loop, speed it up and produce something more representative of jungle or drum'n'bass. And while you're experimenting, there is no reason to stick to drum sounds distinctive of the genre, either – try using a jazz kit with the Four To The Floor loops to create a rockier sound. **MH**



VERDICT

An easy-to-use and well constructed collection of MIDI beats. Groove Monkee has employed a wide variety of drumming techniques to provide beats typical of electronica, while retaining a human feel.

