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Introduction







Origins

Our inspiration started with the Yamaha CP-70, the first and most successful portable electric grand piano. The CP-70 was developed for touring musicians in the 70's, making use of electric amplification with per-string piezo pickups similar to a guitar. This approach allowed for a much smaller, modular construction perfect for the touring musician. It was, in essence, a 300lb plug-and-play grand piano. The CP-70 was introduced in the mid 70's, seeing a positive reception and popularity for over a decade until it, along with its siblings the CP-60 and CP-80, were discontinued shortly after the advent of digital pianos. Most famously used by Peter Gabriel, the CP-70 was a favorite of many pop and prog rock icons including Stevie Wonder, Keith Emerson, Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin, Boston, Journey, Asia and Genesis.

The Ultimate Electric Grand

Easily the most detailed and comprehensive electric grand piano instrument ever produced, EGP boasts 5 channels of audio including electric, L/R and M/S signals, 10 preparations, independent EQ, effects and dynamics for the electric and acoustic signals and over 100 professionally designed presets. An expressive and deeply customizable instrument, EGP gives you pristine imaging and a sonic range well beyond any electric piano you've tried before.

Immaculate Detail

EGP is essentially an entire piano studio at your fingertips. Great care was taken to capture the sound of the CP-70 in the most complete and detailed way possible, resulting in a core library of over 10,000 samples. 5 discrete channels were captured, including the electric output and instrument acoustics miked in L/R and M/S configurations. The raw electric signal of the CP-70 was captured with a Class A direct box with Vovox cable into a Prism converter for the utmost clarity and definition. For the acoustic section, a stereo pair of custom Bruel and Kjaer mics sit in a conventional L/R configuration while a Neumann U67 and Royer ribbon mic form the M/S signal. Level control and mutes are available per mic and mic group. Go from acoustic mono to a full 5-channel mix, easily adjusting the width and balance to fit your mix perfectly. Independent effect chains and amplitude dynamics for both the acoustic and electric signals give you unmatched sound shaping control. Add a touch of reverb

to the acoustic section, some overdrive, chorus and a longer attack on the electric signal, EQ both to taste. Easily dial in your sound or lose hours exploring the possibilities.

Prepared Piano

In addition to the array of signal options, 10 unique preparations were recorded including classic, brush, bow, ebow, fingers, pick, stick and more. Each preparation was approached with the utmost attention to detail, capturing round robins, release samples, sympathetic resonance and pedal noise allowing for a truly expressive playing experience. Load the Pick preparation, turn on Wheel Strum and play a grand piano like a guitar, or try the Bow preparation with a bit of Sparkverb[™]—the possibilities are staggering. An exquisite tool for scoring, sound design and experimental music, EGP can achieve everything from expansive soundscapes to melodic percussion with ease.

A World Class Instrument

Incredible sound quality and an elegant UI are just the beginning. Under the hood of EGP you'll find UVI's sophisticated Engine XT^M. With over 10 years of R+D behind it, Engine XT now sports an advanced, realtime compression system providing up to 7x faster load times and an average 70% reduction in file size. This translates to a dramatic improvement in workflow and delivers EGPs massive 20GB sample footprint in a mere 4.7GB package.

A creative tool capable of everything from classic piano sounds to shimmering ambiences, EGP redefines the electric grand. Whether you're a discerning performer, producer, composer or sound designer, EGP is a powerful tool for your sonic arsenal.

Minimum System Requirements

- UVI Workstation 2.5.2+ or Falcon 1.0+
- 4.7GB of disk space

For more information on the installation process, please refer to the document: Soundbank Installation Guide



Interface: Main Page



The UI is divided into two sections; the lower-half is concerned with the DI signal recorded from the CP-70's output jack, the upper-half deals with the acoustic signal - provided by 4 mics, 2 in L/R configuration and 2 in M/S configuration. A switch in the bottom-right corner allows navigation between 3 pages of controls, Main, Effects and Settings.

1 **Page Navigation**

Navigate between 3 pages of controls: Main, Effects and Settings

2 **Mic Groups**

Two sections provide volume and mute control for the L/R and M/S mic group sums. A Mount toggle allows you to load/unload the mic goups, optimizing your patch and RAM footprint as needed.

- Mount Toggle to load/unload the mic groups. Mic graphics will dim when unloaded
- » Mute (M) Mute/unmute the group sum

» Volume

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Adjust the level of the group sum

3 **M/S Signal**

- » Volume Control per mic
- » Mute (M) Mute/unmute the mic
- Dual Mono
 Process M/S mics as dual mono

4 🕨 L/R Signal

- » Volume Volume control per mic
- » Mute (M) Mute/unmute the mic

5 **Electric Signal**

- » Power
- Enable/disable the electric signal **volume**
- Adjust electric signal volume
- » Bass EQ control for the bass frequency
- » Middle
- EQ control for the mid frequency **»** Treble
- EQ control for the treble frequency **Tremolo On/Off**
- Toggle switch to enable/disable tremolo
- » Depth
 - Adjust the tremolo depth
- » Speed Adjust the tremolo speed



Interface: Effects Page



- **1 EQ** (acoustic)
- » Bass

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- Adjust level of bass band **» Treble**
 - Adjust level of treble band Mid Freq
- Adjust mid band frequency
- » Mid Gain Adjust level of mid band
- 2 **Delay** (acoustic)
- » Mix Adjust dry/wet mix amount
- » Time Adjust delay time (short to long)
- » Width Adjust width of stereo image
- » Feedback Adjust feedback amount
- » Cutoff
 - Adjust delay cutoff frequency
- » Sync
 - Toggle between sync and free times

- 3 **Sparkverb** (acoustic)
- » Mix
 - Adjust dry/wet mix amount
- » High Decay Adjust the high decay multiplier
- High Crossover
 Adjust the high crossover frequency
 Size
 - Adjust the size of the reverb space Feedback
- Feedback
 Adjust the feedback amount
 Low Decay
- Adjust the low decay multiplier
- Low Crossover Adjust the low crossover frequency
- 4 **• Overdrive** (electric)
- Tube Adjust the amount of tube colorationDrive
 - Adjust the amount of drive
- 5 **Chorus** (electric)
- » Width Adjust the chorus width
- » Intensity Adjust the effect intensity

Mode
 Toggle between Chorus and Ensemble

6 **Phaser** (electric)

- » Speed Adjust the phaser speed
 » Feedback
- Adjust the feedback amount
 - Adjust the effect depth
- 7 Delay (electric)
- Delay Time
 Adjust the delay time
 Feedback
- Adjust the feedback amount
- » Level
 Adjust the delay mix amount
 » Mode
 - Toggle between sync and free time
- 8 **Reverb** (electric)
- Tone
 Adjust the reverbs tonality
 Level
- Adjust the reverb mix amount
 Mode
- Mode Toggle between summer and winter reverb modes



Interface: Settings Page



1 Acoustic Amplitude

» ADSR

Typical Attack/Decay/Sustain/Release envelope control of the acoustic mic signals

2 Acoustic Settings

» Release Volume

Adjust the volume of the release sound **Velocity Curve**

Adjust the velocity curve

- » Pedal Volume Adjust the volume of the pedal noise
- Dynamics
 Adjust the overall signal dynamics
- Resonance Volume
 Adjust the volume of the resonance sound
 Filter Velocity

Adjust the amount at which note velocity modulates the filter

- » Filter Velocity Toggle Toggle Filter Velocity on/off
- Timbre Shift
 Adjust the acoustic signal timbre shift

3 🕨 Globals

» Wheel Strum

Toggle Wheel Strum mode on/off To use: hold down notes and move your keyboards modwheel to strum the held notes across all octaves

- Extended Keyboard Toggle extended keyboard range to a full 88-note range
- Pitchbend Range
 Adjust the octave range of the pitch wheel

 Resonance Polyphony

Adjust the polyphony of resonance samples

4 **Electric Amplitude**

» ADSR

Typical Attack/Decay/Sustain/Release envelope control of the acoustic mic signals

5 **Electric Settings**

- Release Volume
 Adjust the volume of the release sound
 Velocity Curve
- Adjust the velocity curve

Adjust the overall signal dynamics

- » Resonance Volume Adjust the volume of the resonance sound
- Filter Velocity Adjust the amount at which note velocity modulates the filter
- Filter Velocity Toggle
 Toggle Filter Velocity on/off
- » Pedal Volume Adjust the volume of the pedal noise

6 🕨 Stereo

» Mode

Change the stereo mode of the electric section: Off, Alternate (pan), or Unison

» Color

- Shifts color based on adjacent samples
- » Spread Adjust the stereo width

» Detune

Unison mode only: detunes layers

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Preset List

Presets are divided into categories based on the type of preparation used.

The first presets in each category begins with a '00_' prefix; these presets present the instrument in its natural state, without any effects or customization.

Suffixes -EL, -AC, and -HB speak to the signals utilized in the preset; electric, acoustic or hybrid.

Standard

00-Default Standard Brazil to Cuba -EL Discrete Phase -HB Eighties Hybrid -HB Elec Plus MS -HB Final Piano -HB House of Blues-EL Monomaniac -AC MS Perfect Mix -HB Naturalia - AC New Years Day -HB Pedal Natural Res -HB Peter G -EL Pure Strings - AC Stereo Electric -EL Tremolo CP -EL What Else -HB

Pick

00-Default Pick A Simple Pick -AC CPick Seventy Folk n Roll -HB Jazz Guitar Like -EL Mediation -HB MS Pick Verb -HB New Age CP -HB Pianistic -HB Pick Drive - HB Pick Harp -AC Surprising Bells -HB Throaty CPlavinet -EL Wheel Strum Pick Harp -AC

Stick

00-Default Stick Acoustic Mood -AC Anti Phase -EL Ballade -HB CPymbalum -HB Dulcimadre -HB ElecStick -EL Grand Keys -HB Magic Guitar -AC Mic Mono Pick -AC Tremelec -EL Tribute to Yanni -HB Wheel Strum Dulci -AC

Brush

00-Default Brush 00-Default Fast Brush Electro Acoustic -EL Emo Tremololo -HB Fast Brushing -AC Funky Brushinet Indian Lounge -HB Little Tremolo-EL Pedal Me Please 1 -AC Pedal Me Please 2-HB The Brush Adam - HB Xtra Shift Trem-HB

Fingers

00-Default Fingers Benson Mood -EL Destroy Bass -EL ExpressiVerb - HB Fingerland -AC Lunar River -EL Majestic -HB My Dirty Keys -HB Phil CPollins -HB Space Crunch -EL

Special Harp 1-AC Special Harp 2-AC Wheel Strum Dark -EL Wheel Strum Fantasia -AC

Bows

00-Default Bow Long Loop 00-Default Bow Short Loop 00-Default Fhow Cellarmonica -AC Da Gamba -EL Dream Sine EBow -AC Experimental Cello -AC Harmonie -EL Intensity -HB Kake Mono - AC Orchestra Mayhem -HB Pad EBow -HB Phase Machine -EL Roady Bow -HB Solina 70 -EL Space Chamber - HB Stellar Bow -HB Yam CPop Corn 70 -HB

Muted

00-Default Muted Acoustica -AC Balaphonix -EL Muted in Tunnel -HB Short Koto -HB Tribalism -HB XMalletic -EL

Misc

00-Default Symp Reso Cloudy Piano -HB Ethereal CP -HB Lost in China -AC PaDispersion -HB Pick a Pad Seventies Call Trem Hollow -HB Tremolo Pad -EL



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