



## M-Audio Channel News

### Product Release: New M-Audio® Fast Track® Now Available

*New, improved design for M-Audio's top-selling entry-level USB audio recording interface; now includes all-new Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software*

#### Overview

Avid and M-Audio are proud to announce the availability of the brand new M-Audio Fast Track — an entry-level desktop USB audio interface featuring the all-new Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software. The new Fast Track with Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software turns Mac or PC computers into a powerful recording studio using the most accessible, easiest-to-use version of the most popular recording software platform in the world: Pro Tools.



The new Fast Track audio interface features a sleek, new design, supports 2x2 simultaneous channels of I/O, and features an XLR and 1/4" guitar input and stereo monitor and stereo headphone outputs. Fast Track is also one of the only interfaces in its category to support phantom power support for use with studio-quality condenser microphones.

The all-new Fast Track with Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software will start shipping September 25, 2009.

Product	Part Number	MSRP (USD)	MAP (USD)
Fast Track	9900-53020-00	\$149.95	\$119.95

#### Product Details

M-Audio's Fast Track — the best-selling recording interface in its category — turns a Mac or PC computer into a powerful music production studio. Featuring a simple "plug-and-play" USB connection, Fast Track is the easiest way to record guitar, vocals and more on a computer. Simply plug in your instruments and you're ready to rock. Fast Track is compatible with most popular music recording applications — including studio-standard Pro Tools M-Powered 8 software — and includes the all-new Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software, making the world of Pro Tools recording more accessible than ever.



(back of Fast Track)

#### Fast Track Features

- 2-input, 2-output audio interface
- Compatible with most popular recording software including Pro Tools M-Powered 8\* and GarageBand
- 24-bit/48kHz professional sound quality
- Plug-and-play USB connection (USB 2.0 compatible)
- XLR microphone input with gain control and 48V phantom power
- 1/4" instrument input with gain control
- 1/4" stereo headphone output
- RCA stereo speaker outputs

- Output level knob for adjusting volume of headphones and speaker outputs
- Direct monitoring button
- Powered by USB—no power adapter required

## Pro Tools M-Powered Essential Features

- 16 stereo/mono audio tracks
- 8 Instrument Tracks
- 8 MIDI Tracks
- 4 Aux Tracks, 4 Mono Busses, 1 Master Fader, 3 Inserts per track
- 2 audio inputs / 2 audio outputs
- Studio-quality effects collection, including reverb, chorus, delay, flanger, compression, and EQ
- Includes SansAmp guitar amp and distortion modeling plug-in for easy direct guitar recording without amplifiers
- Structure Essential virtual instrument includes over 60 incredible instrument sounds
- Over 3GB of audio loops to start creating with immediately



(Pro Tools M-Powered Essential GUI)

## Q&A

### Q. How is the new Fast Track different from the previous Fast Track USB?

A. The new Fast Track builds on the success of the popular Fast Track USB by adding some really cool improvements, including a simplified direct monitoring system, top-mounted knobs that provide easier access to important controls, and a more powerful headphone output level. The new Fast Track also includes Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software, allowing customers to create right out of the box using the same software platform that pros use. With a sleek, redesigned chassis and Pro Tools M-Powered Essential software in the box, the all-new Fast Track looks and performs better than ever. The new Fast Track also sounds much better than the previous Fast Track USB interface.

### Q. How does the Fast Track compare to the Fast Track Pro?

A. The new Fast Track is designed for entry-level customers who do not need a lot of inputs and other features found on the Fast Track Pro interface. Important differences are as follows:

Feature	Fast Track	Fast Track Pro
# of mic preamps	1	2
Highest sample rates supported	48 kHz	96 kHz
Includes MIDI I/O	No	Yes (1-in/1-out)
Includes digital I/O	No	Yes (stereo S/PDIF)
Includes hardware inserts	No	Yes (2)
# of outputs	2 (RCA only)	4 (4 RCA and 2 TRS)
Separate headphone and monitor volume control knobs	No	Yes

### Q: Why is Fast Track better than competing interfaces in its category?

A: The following are what make Fast Track stand out from competitive interfaces in its category:

1. Fast Track is the best-selling USB audio interface in its category: The M-Audio Fast Track series USB audio interfaces are among the best selling according to the US Sales Track numbers. At its price point Fast Track is the best-selling audio interface in its price category.
2. Fast Track works with every popular recording/music creation software: The Fast Track is compatible with nearly every recording software out there, including Garage Band, Logic,

Cubase, Reason, Sonar, Ableton Live, and Pro Tools—the most popular and professional music recording software in the world, found in pro studios everywhere. The benefits of Pro Tools compatibility include

- It's the same software the pro studios use, leading to the perception that customers can obtain the same or similar “pro” results with their recordings
  - Customers can collaborate easily with all of the other Pro Tools users out there
  - They can take their creations into a pro studio to have them mixed by a professional if they so desire
  - Customers are learning the same software used in studios, paving the way for them to potentially grow into a career using Pro Tools
3. Fast Track is one of the only recording interfaces in its price range to feature phantom power: Users can plug-in high-quality condenser microphones—found in home and pro studios around the world—and easily capture their voice or other instruments with incredible accuracy and fidelity.
  4. Fast Track is incredibly easy to use: With its simplified layout and large, top-panel knobs, and USB “plug-and-play” connectivity, Fast Track is much easier to set up and use than any other recording interface on the market—regardless of price.

### **More Information**

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