REVERSE ENGINEERING REPORT

QuadraFuzz v1.01

Complete Reverse Engineering Report

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Introduction & Overview

What is QuadraFuzz?

QuadraFuzz is a **4-band distortion plugin** by Steinberg Media Technologies AG, originally released circa 1999–2000. It splits the audio signal into up to 4 frequency bands and applies independent distortion to each band. This approach avoids the intermodulation distortion problems of full-band distortion and allows creative frequency-selective processing.

Two Versions

	QuadraFuzz v1 (this project)	QuadraFuzz v2
Era	1999–2000	2007–present
Type	Standalone VST/DirectX plugin	Bundled with Cubase/Nuendo
Developer	Steinberg / Spectral Design	Steinberg
Format	VST 2.x + DirectX (COM)	VST 3
Still available	No (discontinued)	Yes (Cubase 15+)

Repository Contents

```
original/                          # Original binaries
  QuadraFuzz Updater 1.01.exe      #   Wise installer (NE format, July 2000)
  QuadraFuzz.dll                   #   Extracted plugin DLL (1 MB, PE32 i386)
  QuadraFuzz.zip                   #   Zipped copy of the installer
  ReadMe first.txt                 #   Original readme from the update
  quadrafuzz-vst.dat               #   Intermediate .dat file from installer
  sdinternal.dll                   #   SpectralDesign installer helper DLL
docs/
  dll-analysis.md                  # Comprehensive DLL reverse engineering
  dsp-routines.md                  # Reconstructed DSP routines as C pseudocode
  binary-analysis.md               #   Installer (Wise) format analysis
  history.md                       #   Historical research
  extraction.md                    #   How the DLL was extracted
```

```
  extraction-plan.md              #   Extraction checklist (all items done)
  reimplementation.md             #   Proposed reimplementation plan
data/
  presets/                        #   16 factory presets + Default (JSON, CSV, C header)
  wavetables/                     #   5 waveshaping tables (CSV, C header)
  bitmaps/                        #   11 GUI bitmap resources
  dialogs/                        #   3 dialog templates
  version.json                    #   Version info resource
scripts/
  extract_all.py                  #   DLL extraction from installer
  call_install.c                  #   SDInternal.dll test harness
```

Quick Facts (v1)

File	`QuadraFuzz.dll` **(1,024,000 bytes)**
Format	PE32 DLL (Intel x86), compiled July 14, 2000
Image base	`0x10000000`
Exports	`main` (VST entry), `DllGetClassObject`, `DllRegisterServer`, `DllCanUnloadNow`, `DllUnregisterServer` (DirectX)
Imports	USER32, MSVCRT, KERNEL32, GDI32, ADVAPI32, ole32, WINMM
Registry	`SOFTWARE\VST\QuadraFuzz`
Version	`Version: 1.01`

VST Capabilities

The plugin advertises: `mixDryWet`, `receiveVstTimeInfo`, `receiveVstMidiEvent`, `sizeWindow`, `plugAsChannelInsert`, `plugAsSend`, and more.

Tech Stack

Language	**C++ (MSVC runtime)**
GUI	Custom Win32 (CreateWindowEx, GDI drawing — no framework)
Audio	VST 2.x SDK + DirectX Audio plugin (COM-based dual interface)
Installer	Wise Installation System (NE-format stub, proprietary compression with XOR 0x3D obfuscation)
Company	Spectral Design (subsidiary/partner of Steinberg for plugin development)

Reverse Engineering Summary

Architecture

- **128-entry vtable** at file offset `0x4284C`, inheriting from Steinberg's `AudioEffect` base class
- Only the destructor (vtable[0]) is overridden; all customization via SDK dispatcher
- Constructor at RVA `0xBE10` sets unique ID `"00034936"` and registers `SOFTWARE\VST\QuadraFuzz`
- Object size: 208 bytes (`0xD0`), editor object: 488 bytes

DSP Engine

- **4-band logarithmic crossover** with 5 adjustable frequency points (25 Hz – 22,050 Hz)
- Frequency normalization: `log2(freq)` for perceptually uniform band spacing
- **Table-lookup waveshaping** with 5 extracted curves: linear, mild overdrive, soft saturation (≈tanh(5x)), tube characteristic (sampled, non-analytic), hard clip (≈tanh(30x))
- Per-band distortion with independent gain and shape parameters
- Dynamic band management (bands can be added/removed at runtime)

Parameters

- **Preset struct** (16 floats): Band1–4 gain (±12 dB), Freq1–5 (25–22050 Hz), Shape1–4 (±12), Out (±20 dB), In (±20 dB), unused
- **Program params** (16 host-visible): Band1–4, In, Out, Shape mode (0–4), Solo (-1–4), Clip, Modify, Preset, NrOfPreset, Edit, Delete, Create, (config)

Factory Presets (16)

- **Drums (5):** DrumSmasher, AnalogDrums, DrumsOfDoom, DrumSqueeze, Tightener
- **Guitar (11):** GrungeKord, Resofuzz, BigNoiseKord, Acoustifuzz, KordBright, ChordRez, PowerChord, KordKrunch+Hi, Basic Lead, Cutting Lead, 60s Lead
- Each preset: 100 bytes — `float params[16]` at +0, `char name[32]` at +64, `int num_params` at +96

GUI

- 664×248 pixel bitmap skin (24-bit) with 10 additional control bitmaps
- Custom Win32 window class, GDI-based crossover visualization (Polyline/Polygon)
- 3 dialog resources: main frame, preset creation ("Don't forget to save!"), generic dialog

Dual Interface

- **VST 2.x** via `main()` export — standard DAW plugin
- **DirectX Audio** via COM (`DllGetClassObject` / `DllRegisterServer`) — 2 registered COM classes, threading model "Both"

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History

Timeline

1999: QuadraFuzz v1 Development

- Developed by **Spectral Design** (a plugin development partner/subsidiary of Steinberg)
- Built as both a **VST 2.x** and **DirectX** audio plugin
- Targeted at Cubase VST, Nuendo, and WaveLab users

July 14, 2000: QuadraFuzz v1.01 Update

- The binary we have: `QuadraFuzz.dll`, compiled `2000-07-14 12:52:49 UTC`
- Update installer: `QuadraFuzz Updater 1.01.exe` (Wise Installation System)
- **Changelog** (from ReadMe):
  - Fixed latency compensation for Cubase >5.00 and Nuendo 1.00
  - Unified DLL for both VST and DirectX (previously separate WaveLab version)
  - Uses Windows Add/Remove Programs for uninstallation

September 21, 2000: ReadMe Date

- The `ReadMe first.txt` file is dated September 21, 2000 (file system timestamp)

2000–2006: Active Life

- Sold as a standalone plugin on the Steinberg website
- Used primarily for drum processing and guitar distortion
- Part of Steinberg's lineup of specialized VST effects

2007: QuadraFuzz v2

- Complete rewrite, bundled with **Cubase 4** and later
- New distortion modes: Tape, Tube, Dist, Amp, Dec (Decimator)
- Added delay section, per-band stereo processing, scene system
- Still included in **Cubase 15** and **Nuendo** (as of 2025)

Developer: Spectral Design

The installer script reveals that QuadraFuzz was developed/distributed by **Spectral Design**, not directly by Steinberg's internal team:

- Install path uses `%PROGRAM_FILES%\SpectralDesign`
- Uninstaller registered under `SpectralDesign\uninstall\QuadraFuzz`
- `SDInternal.dll` (SpectralDesign Internal) handles the custom installation
- The installer helper DLL exports match the `SDINTERNAL.dll` naming

Spectral Design was a German company that developed several plugins for Steinberg, including effects that shipped with Cubase and Nuendo.

Technical Context (Year 2000)

VST SDK version	**VST 2.x (VST 2.0 released 1999, 2.1 in 2000)**
Target OS	Windows 95/98/NT4/2000
DAWs	Cubase VST 5.x, Nuendo 1.0, WaveLab
CPU	Pentium III era (500 MHz–1 GHz)
Plugin format war	VST vs DirectX (hence dual-format support)
Mac support	None evident (PE32 only)

Registry Key

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\VST\QuadraFuzz
```

This follows the Steinberg convention for VST plugin registration on Windows.

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Binary Analysis & Extraction

Installer File Structure

The `QuadraFuzz Updater 1.01.exe` (821,794 bytes) is a **Wise Installer** (NE format, year 2000).

Layout

Offset	Size	Content
`0x0000`	15,488	NE executable stub (GLBSSTUB)
`0x3C80`	100	Wise init data (window dims, font, title strings)
`0x3D32`	4,872	Compressed: Small bitmap (16,824 bytes)
`0x503E`	2,613	**Compressed: Installer script** (6,980 bytes)
`0x5A77`	74,166	Compressed: Wise main DLL (133,056 bytes, NE format)
`0x17C31+`	various	Compressed: Small PEs, helpers
`0x19120`	63,925	Compressed: Wise dialog/script data (161,418 bytes)
`0x28AD9+`	various	Compressed: Installer dialog bitmaps (161,076 bytes each, ×5)
`0x48489`	30,737	Compressed: **SDINTERNAL.dll** (65,536 bytes)
`0x5F856`	30,737	Compressed: SDINTERNAL.dll duplicate
`0x6706B`	279,863	Compressed: **quadrafuzz-vst.dat** (1,024,000 bytes)
`0xAB5A6`	55,712	Compressed: UNWISE32.EXE (149,504 bytes)
Remainder	various	More dialog bitmaps

Key Findings

1. **Target DLL**: `QuadraFuzz.dll` — installed to VST plugins directory
2. **Source data**: `quadrafuzz-vst.dat` (1,024,000 bytes) — proprietary format
3. **Processing**: SDINTERNAL.dll `PerformInstall()` converts .dat → .dll
4. **Registry**: `SOFTWARE\VST\Quadrafuzz`, `VSTPluginsPath`
5. **Publisher**: Spectral Design (under Steinberg Media Technologies AG)
6. **SEED**: 14 (used for CD validation/authorization)
7. **Authorization codes**: Format `XX-XXXXX` (e.g., `34-27259`)

Installer Script Variables

```
APPTITLE = QuadraFuzz Update
APP_EXE = Cubase.exe
SOURCEFILE = %TEMP%\quadrafuzz-vst.dat
TARGETFILE = %MAINDIR%\QuadraFuzz.dll
UNINSTALL_PATH = %SPECDES%\uninstall\QuadraFuzz
GROUP = Spectral Design
SEED = 14
```

VST Plugin Path Resolution

The installer searches for the VSTPluginsPath in this order:

1. `SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\Cubase.exe`
2. `SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\nuendo.exe`
3. `SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\wavelab.exe`
4. `SOFTWARE\VST` → `VSTPluginsPath`
5. Default: `%PROGRAM_FILES%\Steinberg\Vstplugins`

SDINTERNAL.dll Analysis

Type	**PE32 DLL (i386), built with MSVC**
Export	`PerformInstall` (1 function)
Imports	KERNEL32.dll (file I/O, string ops)
Internal functions	ReadBlock, WriteBlock (file processing)
Format	Reads SOURCEFILE, scans drives (CD verification), writes TARGETFILE

quadrafuzz-vst.dat Format

- 1,024,000 bytes (exactly 1000 × 1024)
- Contains bitmap image data (800KB, dominated by `0x3D` bytes)
- Also contains non-bitmap regions at offsets 806KB and 991KB
- Processed by SDINTERNAL.dll's `PerformInstall` to produce `QuadraFuzz.dll`
- The .dat file appears to be a container with the DLL embedded alongside installer resources

The updater requires the **original QuadraFuzz CD-ROM** to validate authorization. SDINTERNAL.dll scans drives (`GetLogicalDriveStringsA` , `GetDriveTypeA`) to find the CD. Without the CD (or bypassing the check), the PerformInstall function cannot extract the DLL.

DLL Extraction

NE (New Executable) Format

The installer is a **Wise Installation System** package in NE format — a 16-bit Windows stub that runs under Windows 3.1+ and launches the actual installer logic.

```
Offset 0x0000: MZ DOS stub (1178 bytes)
Offset 0x0400: NE header + executable code
  - 2 code segments (12,496 bytes total)
  - 3 resource entries (bitmap, version info, etc.)
Offset 0x3C80: Appended installer data (806,306 bytes)
```

Appended Data Format

The appended data starts at file offset **15,488 (0x3C80)** with:

1. **Wise header** (91 bytes) — flags, sizes, configuration
2. **String table** (87 bytes) — Font name ("VMS Sans Serif"), dialog title ("QuadraFuzz Update Installation"), init message
3. **Compressed data streams** — raw deflate (RFC 1951) compressed files

Compressed Streams

The data contains **51 deflate streams** arranged sequentially. Key streams:

Stream	Offset	Decompressed Size	Content
0	178	16,824	BMP image (300×110 splash graphic)
1	5,054	6,980	**Wise installation script** (plaintext)
2	7,671	133,056	NE DLL — Wise installer helper (GLBSInstall)
3–5	—	Various	PE32 helper executables
7–12	—	161 KB each	BMP resources for installer dialogs
15, 20	—	65,536 each	`SDInternal.dll` — SpectralDesign installer helper
21	**375,766**	**1,024,000**	**QuadraFuzz.dll (XOR 0x3D encoded)**

XOR Obfuscation

Stream 21 contains the actual QuadraFuzz DLL, but it's XOR-encoded with the constant byte **0x3D**. This is a simple obfuscation — every byte in the stream must be XOR'd with `0x3D` to recover the original PE file.

Installation Flow (from Wise script)

1. Extract `SDInternal.dll` (SpectralDesign helper) to `%TEMP%`
2. Extract `quadrafuzz-vst.dat` (the XOR'd DLL) to `%TEMP%`
3. Call `SDInternal.dll!PerformInstall` to process the .dat file

4. The helper decodes and writes `QuadraFuzz.dll` to the VST plugins directory
5. Registry entries created under `SOFTWARE\VST\Quadrafuzz`
6. Uninstaller registered under `SpectralDesign\uninstall\QuadraFuzz`

Extraction Script (Python)

```python
import zlib

data = open('QuadraFuzz Updater 1.01.exe', 'rb').read()
appended = data[15488:]  # After NE executable

# Skip header + strings (178 bytes), decompress all streams
offset = 178
streams = []
while offset < len(appended):
    try:
        dec = zlib.decompressobj(-15)
        result = dec.decompress(appended[offset:])
        consumed = len(appended[offset:]) - len(dec.unused_data)
        if len(result) > 0:
            streams.append(result)
            offset += consumed
        else:
            offset += 1
    except zlib.error:
        offset += 1

# Stream 21 (index 21) is the XOR'd DLL
xored_dll = streams[21]  # 1,024,000 bytes
dll = bytes(b ^ 0x3D for b in xored_dll)

with open('QuadraFuzz.dll', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(dll)
```

Related Projects

jpcima/quadrafuzz (Open Source)

Not based on the original Steinberg plugin. This is a port of the “Quadrafuzz” effect from Pizzicato.js, a Web Audio API library. The name is coincidental/inspired.

- Repository: https://github.com/jpcima/quadrafuzz (MIT license, 2019)
- Uses DPF (DISTRHO Plugin Framework) — builds as VST2/VST3/LV2/JACK
- DSP: 4-band split using biquad filters (LP/BP/BP/HP) at fixed crossover points (147, 587, 2490, 4980 Hz)
- Distortion: single soft-clip formula
- 10 parameters (input/output/dry/wet gains, 4 drive levels, oversampling)
- Key differences from original: no user-adjustable crossovers, no waveshape tables, no selectable distortion shapes, no presets

Steinberg QuadraFuzz v2 (Closed Source)

Proprietary — ships as a built-in plugin with Cubase/Nuendo (still present in Cubase 15). Spiritual successor to v1, but significantly expanded — not the same codebase.

- 5 distortion modes: Tape, Tube, Dist, Amp, Dec (Decimator)
- Adjustable frequency bands (not fixed crossover)
- Per-band: gate, delay, width, pan, mix
- Scene system (8 presets)
- Single-band / multi-band toggle

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DLL Reverse Engineering

Binary: `QuadraFuzz.dll` (1,024,000 bytes)
Built: 2000-07-14 by Spectral Design for Steinberg Media Technologies AG
Format: PE32 DLL, x86, image base `0x10000000`
Version: 1.01 (FileVersion "1, 0, 1, 0", ProductVersion "1.01")
Copyright: "Copyright SpectralDesign 2000"

PE Structure

Sections

Section	File Offset	VAddr	Size	Permissions	Contents
`.text`	`0x1000`	`0x10001000`	`0x41000` (266 KB)	`r-x`	Code (566 functions)
`.rdata`	`0x42000`	`0x10042000`	`0x6000` (24 KB)	`r--`	VTables, constants, FP lookup tables, import/export tables
`.data`	`0x48000`	`0x10048000`	`0x3000` (12 KB)	`rw-`	Preset data, parameter names, format strings, global state
`.rsrc`	`0x4b000`	`0x1004b000`	`0xa7000` (668 KB)	`r--`	Bitmaps, dialogs, version info, string table
`.reloc`	`0xf2000`	`0x100f2000`	`0x8000` (32 KB)	`r--`	Relocation table

Exports (5)

Export	RVA	Description
`main`	`0x7FE0`	VST plugin entry point (`VSTPluginMain`)
`DllGetClassObject`	`0x3E9AF`	COM class factory (DirectX plugin)
`DllRegisterServer`	`0x3AE70`	COM self-registration
`DllUnregisterServer`	`0x3AE80`	COM self-unregistration
`DllCanUnloadNow`	`0x3EA79`	COM unload check

Imports

DLL	Key Functions	Purpose
USER32.dll (42)	CreateWindowExA, CreateDialog-ParamA, LoadBitmapA, Register-ClassA, SetTimer, GetAsyncKeyState	GUI window management, custom controls
GDI32.dll (25)	BitBlt, CreateCompatibleDC, Poly-line, CreateFontIndirectA, Arc	Bitmap rendering, custom drawing (crossover display)
KERNEL32.dll (22)	CriticalSection APIs, GetTickCount, GetModuleFileNameA	Threading, timing, path resolution
MSVCRT.dll (20)	malloc/free, _CIpow, _CIfmod, _ftol, floor, sprintf	Memory, math, string formatting
ADVAPI32.dll (9)	RegCreateKeyExA, RegSetValueExA, RegQueryValueExA	Registry (VST path, COM registration)
ole32.dll (7)	CoCreateInstance, StringFromGUID2, CoTaskMemAlloc	COM/DirectX plugin support

Plugin Architecture

Class Hierarchy

```
AudioEffect (Steinberg VST SDK base class)
  └── QuadraFuzz (derived plugin class)
        ├── QuadraFuzzEditor (AEffEditor subclass)
        └── DSP processing engine (internal)
```

VST Entry Point (`main` at RVA 0x7FE0)

```
AEffect* main(audioMasterCallback audioMaster) {
    // 1. Call audioMaster(NULL, audioMasterVersion, 0, 0, NULL, 0) to check host
    // 2. Allocate 0xD0 (208) bytes for QuadraFuzz object
    // 3. Call QuadraFuzz constructor (0xBE10) with audioMaster callback
    // 4. Store instance at global 0x1004A688
    // 5. Call vtable[0x7E] (setInitialDelay or similar)
    // 6. Return &object->aeffect (at this+0x20)
}
```

Constructor (RVA 0xBE10)

```
QuadraFuzz::QuadraFuzz(audioMasterCallback audioMaster) {
    // 1. Call AudioEffect::AudioEffect(audioMaster) at 0x8750
    // 2. Set unique ID: "00034936" via setUniqueID()
    // 3. Install vtable: this->vtable = 0x1004284C (QuadraFuzz vtable)
    // 4. Register path: "SOFTWARE\VST\QuadraFuzz"
}
```

Object Layout (estimated, 0xD0 = 208 bytes)

Offset	Type	Field
`0x00`	`void**`	vtable pointer → `0x1004284C`
`0x04`	`float`	sampleRate
`0x08`	`AEffEditor*`	editor pointer
`0x0C–0x1C`	—	Base class fields
`0x20`	`AEffect`	Public AEffect structure (returned to host)
`0x3C`	`int`	blockSize
`0x40`	`int`	numFrames / parameter
`0xB0`	`int`	numPrograms
`0xB4`	`void*`	program/bank data pointer
`0xB8`	`void*`	MIDI event pointer
`0xBC–0xC0`	`void*`	audio buffer pointers
`0xC4–0xC8`	`int`	channel configuration
`0xCC`	`short`	flags

VTable Layout

The QuadraFuzz vtable at file offset **0x4284C** contains **128 entries**. The base class vtable at **0x4254C** is identical except entry [0] (destructor).

Only entry [0] differs between derived and base vtable, confirming minimal virtual method overriding — most customization happens through the Steinberg SDK's dispatcher mechanism.

VST SDK Method Mapping (128 entries)

Index	RVA	Meaning (VST SDK)	Notes
0	`0xBE70`	**~QuadraFuzz()** (destructor)	Calls 0xBE90 then `operator delete`
1	`0x8AD0`	dispatcher	
2	`0x8B60`	getParameter	
3	`0x12E20`	setParameter	
4	`0x8F10`	process	Accumulating output
5	`0x8FA0`	processReplacing	Replacing output
6	`0x118F0`	getProgram	
7	`0x11E70`	setProgram	Stub (shared with [21])
8	`0xF980`	getProgramName	Returns immediately (`ret`)

9	`0x8A40`	setProgramName	
10	`0x9040`	getParameterLabel	
11	`0x9070`	getParameterDisplay	
12	`0x90B0`	getParameterName	
13	`0x8EC0`	setSampleRate(float)	
14	`0x8E90`	setBlockSize(int)	
15	`0x8E40`	suspend/resume	
16	`0x8A50`	getChunk	
17	`0x8D60`	setChunk	
19	`0x90F0`	**setSampleRate + init**	Major init function
20	`0x91D0`	**processEvents**	Handles MIDI
126	`0x8890`	**createEditor**	Allocates editor and audio buffers
127	`0xBF40`	**createEditor (alt)**	Allocates 0x1E8 (488) bytes for editor

Capability Strings

The plugin advertises these capabilities via `canDo`:

- `plugAsChannelInsert`, `plugAsSend` — Can be used as insert or send effect
- `sendVstEvents`, `sendVstMidiEvent`, `sendVstTimeInfo` — Sends MIDI/timing to host
- `receiveVstEvents`, `receiveVstMidiEvent`, `receiveVstTimeInfo` — Receives MIDI/timing
- `sizeWindow` — Can resize its editor window
- `acceptIOChanges`, `reportConnectionChanges` — Dynamic I/O
- `offline`, `asyncProcessing`, `noRealTime` — Offline processing support
- `mixDryWet` — Built-in dry/wet mix
- `supplyIdle`, `supportShell` — Idle callbacks, shell plugin
- `metapass`, `multipass` — Multi-pass processing
- `midiProgramNames` — Named MIDI programs

I/O Configurations

Supported routing: `1in1out`, `1in2out`, `2in1out`, `2in2out`, `2in4out`, `4in2out`, `4in4out`, `4in8out`, `8in4out`, `8in8out`

Parameters

The plugin has two parameter systems: (1) the **Program object** with 16 host-visible parameters, and (2) the **preset struct** storing 16 floats per preset. They overlap but are not identical.

Preset Struct Parameters (16 floats, stored per preset)

Index	Name	Range	Description
0	**Band1**	±12 dB	Band 1 distortion gain
1	**Band2**	±12 dB	Band 2 distortion gain
2	**Band3**	±12 dB	Band 3 distortion gain
3	**Band4**	±12 dB	Band 4 distortion gain
4	**Freq1**	25–22050 Hz	Crossover frequency 1 (low edge)
5	**Freq2**	25–22050 Hz	Crossover frequency 2
6	**Freq3**	25–22050 Hz	Crossover frequency 3
7	**Freq4**	25–22050 Hz	Crossover frequency 4
8	**Freq5**	25–22050 Hz	Crossover frequency 5 (high edge)
9	**Shape1**	±12	Per-band distortion shape, band 1
10	**Shape2**	±12	Per-band distortion shape, band 2
11	**Shape3**	±12	Per-band distortion shape, band 3
12	**Shape4**	±12	Per-band distortion shape, band 4
13	**Out**	±20 dB	Output level
14	**In**	±20 dB	Input drive level
15	*(unused)*	—	Always 0.0 in factory presets

Program Object Parameters (16 params, host-visible)

Index	Name	Default	Min	Max	Step	Description
0	**Band1**	0.0	−12.0	12.0	0.1	Band 1 gain (dB)
1	**Band2**	0.0	−12.0	12.0	0.1	Band 2 gain (dB)
2	**Band3**	0.0	−12.0	12.0	0.1	Band 3 gain (dB)
3	**Band4**	0.0	−12.0	12.0	0.1	Band 4 gain (dB)
4	**In**	0.0	−20.0	20.0	0.1	Input drive (dB)
5	**Out**	0.0	−20.0	20.0	0.1	Output level (dB)
6	**Shape**	0.0	0.0	4.0	1.0	Waveshape mode (0–4)
7	**Preset**	0.0	0.0	1.0	—	Preset selector (UI)
8	*(config)*	0.0	0.0	1.0	—	Internal config
9	**NrOfPreset**	1.0	1.0	32.0	1.0	Number of presets
10	**Edit**	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	Edit mode toggle
11	**Solo**	−1.0	−1.0	4.0	1.0	Solo band (-1=off)
12	**Delete**	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	Delete preset (UI)
13	**Create**	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	Create preset (UI)
14	**Clip**	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	Clip mode

15	**Modify**	0.0	0.0	18.0	1.0	Active parameter selector

Note: The frequencies (Freq1–5) and per-band shapes (Shape1–4) are stored in the preset struct but are NOT individual Program params. They are applied directly to the crossover and waveshaping objects. The `Modify` param (range 0–18) selects which of the 18 editable values the GUI is currently adjusting.

Display Format Strings

- `%3.0f Hz` — Frequencies below 1 kHz
- `%2.1f kHz` — Frequencies at/above 1 kHz
- `%4.1f dB` — Gain values
- `-oo` — Minus infinity display
- `Huge!` — Overflow display

DSP Processing

Architecture Overview

QuadraFuzz is a **4-band multiband distortion** plugin:

1. **Input signal** → 4-band crossover filter (frequency splitting)
2. **Per-band processing** → Waveshaping distortion with adjustable gain and shape
3. **Band mixing** → Recombine bands with solo/mute capability
4. **Output stage** → Output gain

Crossover Filter System

Frequency scaling function at RVA `0xC250`:

```
float freq_to_log2(float freq) {
    return log2f(freq);  // Implemented via FPU fyl2x
}
```

The crossover uses **logarithmic frequency spacing**, meaning band widths are perceptually uniform (constant-Q-like behavior).

- Uses `fyl2x` (FPU log2) and `fldlg2` (log10(2) constant) to compute logarithmic frequency positions
- 5 crossover frequencies define the edges of 4 bands
- Band width computed as: `step = (log_high - log_low) / (band_size - 1)`

Waveshaping / Distortion Engine

Main DSP loop at RVA `0x9B00–0x9D00`:

```
For each sample in each band:
  1. Multiply input by band gain coefficient
  2. Compare absolute value against threshold
  3. If |sample| > threshold:
     - Look up waveshaping curve from table (at object+0x2C)
     - Interpolate between table entries using fractional index
```

```
     - Scale by 254.0 for table index
     - Apply sign preservation (negate result for negative inputs)
  4. If |sample| <= small threshold:
     - Clamp to +/-1.0
```

The waveshaping uses a **lookup table** with linear interpolation:

- Table pointer at `this+0x2C`
- Index = `|sample| * 254.0` (truncated to integer)
- Output = `table[idx] + (table[idx+1] - table[idx]) * frac`
- Negative inputs produce negated outputs (odd-symmetry waveshaping)

Signal Clamping (RVA 0x11400–0x11470)

```
void clamp_sample(float threshold, float* sample) {
    if (threshold >= 1.0) {
        if (*sample < 0.0) *sample = 1.0;  // Clamp positive
    } else if (threshold < -1.0) {
        if (*sample >= 0.0) *sample = 0.0;  // Zero out
    }
}
```

Key DSP Constants

Address	Value	Meaning
`0x10042214`	`0.0f`	Zero comparison
`0x10042218`	`1.0f`	Unity gain
`0x100422A0`	`2.0` (double)	log2 computation base
`0x100422A8`	`0.5` (double)	Freq→sample offset
`0x10042368`	`0.0` (double)	Sign detection comparison
`0x10042398`	`10.0` (double)	dB conversion base
`0x100423A0`	`1.0` (double)	Unity clamp threshold
`0x10042770`	`254.0f`	Waveshape table index scale
`0x10042778`	`0.05` (double)	dB scale factor (1/20)
`0x10042798`	`1.15` (double)	Band width expansion factor
`0x100427A0`	`0.49` (double)	Lower Nyquist guard fraction
`0x100427A8`	`0.48` (double)	Upper Nyquist guard fraction

Preset System

Structure

Each preset occupies **100 bytes (0x64)** in the .data section:

```
struct QuadraFuzzPreset {  // 100 bytes total
    float   params[16];    // +0x00: Parameter values (64 bytes)
    char    name[32];      // +0x40: Null-terminated preset name (padded)
    int32_t numParams;     // +0x60: Always 18
};
```

Default Preset

A “Default” init preset is stored at file offset **0x48490**:

- All gains: 0 dB
- Frequencies: 20, 200, 1000, 2000, 20000 Hz (round defaults)
- All shapes: 0
- Output: 0 dB

Factory Presets — Drums Category (5 presets)

Preset	Band1	Band2	Band3	Band4	Freq Range	Shape	Out	In
D_DrumSmasher	20.0	13.0	0.3	20.0	25–13878 Hz	12,12,-12,4.5	4.0	−18.0
D_AnalogDrums	20.0	13.0	13.0	20.0	188–8975 Hz	12,12,12,12	−2.0	−18.0
D_DrumsOfDoom	20.0	10.7	0.3	5.3	25–13878 Hz	12,12,0,7	20.0	−17.0
D_DrumSqueeze	20.0	10.7	0.3	20.0	25–13878 Hz	−12,12,12,-12	16.0	−12.0
D_Tightener	20.0	7.7	14.0	6.3	60–13878 Hz	6,8.5,12,12	1.0	−11.5

Factory Presets — Guitar Category (11 presets)

Preset	Band1	Band2	Band3	Band4	Freq Range	Shape	Out	In
G_GrungeKord	0.0	0.0	0.0	−0.3	55–22050 Hz	12,12,12,12	20.0	−16.0
G_Resofuzz	10.3	0.0	−0.3	18.0	60–6835 Hz	8.5,-12,8.5,12	6.5	−11.5
G_BigNoiseKord	1.3	16.7	18.3	−10.3	25–8049 Hz	−0.5,12,3,-12	20.0	−12.0
G_Acoustifuzz	1.3	−8.7	0.3	20.0	25–13878 Hz	−0.5,12,-12,4.5	−13.5	−1.5
G_KordBright	−6.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	98–12445 Hz	−2.5,-7.5,12,6	8.0	−7.5
G_ChordRez	6.7	0.0	5.3	0.0	233–22050 Hz	12,-12,12,-12	17.5	−13.0
G_PowerChord	20.0	14.0	5.0	0.3	60–22050 Hz	12,12,-4.5,-12	15.0	−13.5
G_KordKrunch+Hi	5.7	−5.3	−12.3	8.3	60–8975 Hz	1.5,12,-4.5,5.5	15.0	−9.5
G_Basic Lead	9.3	20.0	4.0	−13.3	78–6652 Hz	12,12,-8.5,-12	20.0	−7.0
G_Cutting Lead	−14.0	16.7	−8.0	16.3	60–4074 Hz	12,12,12,-12	20.0	−15.0
G_60s Lead	18.3	9.7	−5.0	−20.0	92–6130 Hz	2,12,7.5,-12	20.0	−11.5

Preset Management UI

- **Create dialog** (Dialog 200): “Name of new Preset” with OK/Cancel, warns “Don’t forget to save your presets!”
- **Delete confirmation**: `"Do you really want to delete \"%s\"?"` (note original typo: “realy”)
- **Init naming**: `"Init %d"` pattern for new presets

GUI / Editor

Editor Class

- Created at vtable[126] — allocates **0x24 (36) bytes** for editor controller
- Alternate creation at vtable[127] — allocates **0x1E8 (488) bytes** for full editor with audio visualization
- Uses custom Win32 window class: `"Plugin%08x"` (unique per instance)
- Fonts: **Arial**, **Symbol**

Bitmap Resources (11 bitmaps)

All bitmaps are type RT_BITMAP (type 2), language 1031 (German):

ID	Size (px)	Bit Depth	Data Size	Purpose
100	664×248	24-bit	494,056 B	Main GUI background (full skin)
101	332×248	8-bit	83,400 B	GUI background variant / overlay
102	9×9	24-bit	294 B	Small button/indicator
103	9×18	24-bit	546 B	Small toggle (2 states)
104	100×15	24-bit	4,540 B	Slider track / label strip
105	25×54	24-bit	4,144 B	Knob or vertical slider
106	20×34	24-bit	2,080 B	Button (2 states)
107	20×34	24-bit	2,080 B	Button (2 states)
108	20×85	24-bit	5,140 B	Button (5 states)
109	15×30	24-bit	1,480 B	Small button (2 states)
110	332×248	8-bit	83,402 B	Alternative background / mask

Total GUI skin size: 676 KB (embedded in .rsrc)

Dialog Resources (3 dialogs)

Dialog ID	Size	Items	Font	Purpose
150	—	1+	MS Sans Serif 8pt	Main editor frame
200	186×84	5	MS Sans Serif 8pt	“Create” preset dialog
201	186×95	4	MS Sans Serif 8pt	Generic dialog

Drawing Operations

The GDI imports reveal the crossover visualization:
- `Polyline` — Drawing the crossover frequency response curves
- `Arc` — Rounded elements
- `Polygon` — Filled band regions
- `MoveToEx` / `LineTo` — Band boundary lines
- `BitBlt` — Bitmap skin compositing
- Double-buffered rendering via `CreateCompatibleDC` / `CreateCompatibleBitmap`

COM / DirectX Interface

QuadraFuzz supports both **VST** and **DirectX** plugin interfaces simultaneously.

COM Registration

DllRegisterServer (RVA `0x3AE70` → `0x3E68C`):
1. Gets module filename via `GetModuleFileNameA`
2. Converts path to Unicode (`MultiByteToWideChar`)
3. For each registered class (count = **2 classes**):
   - Creates registry key: `CLSID\{GUID}\InprocServer32`
   - Sets DLL path and `ThreadingModel = "Both"`
   - Optionally calls `CoCreateInstance` to verify registration

COM Interfaces

DllGetClassObject (RVA `0x3E9AF`):
- Checks `riid` against `IUnknown` and `IClassFactory`
- Searches registered classes (stride 0x14 = 20 bytes per entry)
- Creates class factory object (12 bytes)

Exception Handling

The COM layer uses C++ exceptions:
- `CD_ProIntern::Exception` — Internal processing error
- `RegErr` — Registry error class
- Error strings: `"invalid parameter"`, `"RegError"`

Key Data Structures

Waveshape Lookup Tables

Five 256-float lookup tables in `.data` section (`0x48C7C–0x4A090`):

Address	Shape	Drive Comp	Character

`0x48C7C`	Shape 0 — Linear	2.0 dB	Clean pass-through with slight gain boost
`0x49080`	Shape 1 — Mild Overdrive	6.1 dB	Subtle warming/overdrive
`0x49484`	Shape 2 — Soft Saturation	7.4 dB	≈tanh(5x), warm distortion
`0x49888`	Shape 3 — Tube Saturation	6.9 dB	Sampled tube curve (non-analytic)
`0x49C8C`	Shape 4 — Hard Clip	10.2 dB	≈tanh(30x), aggressive fuzz

Each table: 257 floats (1028 bytes) — 256 curve values mapping [0,1]→[0,1], plus drive compensation in dB at index 256.

Global State

Address	Value	Purpose
`0x4A0E8`	`"Default"`	Default preset name
`0x4A10C`	`"Version: 1.01"`	Version string
`0x4A1CC`	`"Symbol"`	Font name
`0x4A1D4`	`"Arial"`	Font name
`0x4A1E4`	`"Plugin%08x"`	Window class name format
`0x4A688`	global instance	Plugin singleton pointer
`0x4A52C`	2	Number of COM classes

Function Map

Core Plugin Lifecycle

RVA	Size	Category	Description
`0x7FE0`	173	Entry	`main()` — VST entry point
`0xBE10`	93	Init	QuadraFuzz constructor
`0x8750`	—	Init	AudioEffect base constructor
`0xBE70`	28	Lifecycle	QuadraFuzz destructor (virtual)
`0xBF40`	108	Init	Create editor object (488 bytes)
`0x8890`	400+	Init	Full initialization

Audio Processing

RVA	Size	Category	Description
`0x9B00`	512	**DSP**	Main waveshaping loop
`0x2C00`	256	**DSP**	Crossover band analysis

`0x3C00`	300	**DSP**	Crossover frequency calculation
`0x4100`	256	**DSP**	Band boundary computation
`0xC250`	20	**DSP**	`log2(x)` — frequency normalization
`0x11400`	103	**DSP**	Sample clamping / threshold

COM / DirectX

RVA	Size	Category	Description
`0x3AE70`	5	COM	DllRegisterServer
`0x3AE80`	5	COM	DllUnregisterServer
`0x3E68C`	297	COM	Register server implementation
`0x3E7B5`	158	COM	Unregister server
`0x3E9AF`	153	COM	DllGetClassObject
`0x3EA79`	25	COM	DllCanUnloadNow

CHAPTER 0

DSP Algorithm Reconstruction

Reverse-engineered from `QuadraFuzz.dll` (PE32, x86, image base `0x10000000`).

Architecture Overview

QuadraFuzz is a **multiband distortion** VST plugin. The architecture consists of:

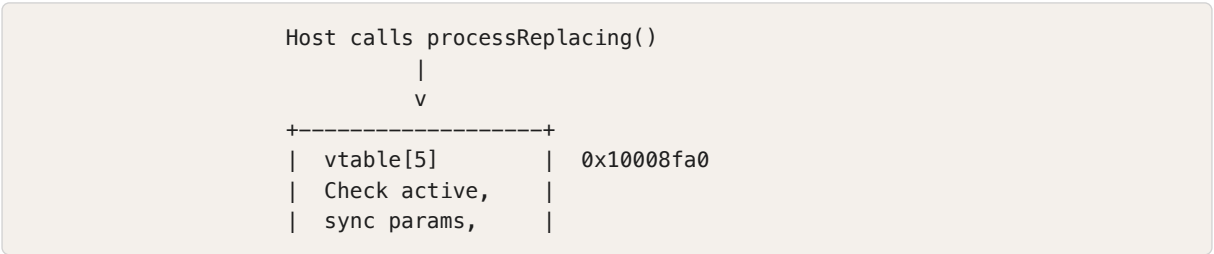
1. **Crossover network**: Splits audio into N bands (up to 4) using Butterworth biquad IIR filters
2. **Per-band waveshaping**: Each band passes through a table-lookup waveshaper with 5 selectable curves
3. **Per-band gain**: Independent drive and output level per band
4. **Mixing**: Bands are summed to output (or solo'd)

VST2 Integration

The plugin uses the standard VST2 SDK architecture:

- **C++ vtable** at `0x1004284c` (129 entries, slots 0–128)
- **AEffect struct** embedded at `this+0x20` with magic `'VstP'`
- **AEffect function pointers** are thunks that read the C++ object from `AEffect+0x40` and dispatch through the C++ vtable
- **Key vtable slots**:
  - vtable[4] = `0x10008f10` — `process()` (accumulating)
  - vtable[5] = `0x10008fa0` — `processReplacing()`
  - vtable[19] = `0x100090f0` — `setSampleRate()`
  - vtable[126] = `0x10008890` — `open()` (full initialization)
  - vtable[127] = `0x1000bf40` — `createEditor()`
  - vtable[128] = `0x1000bea0` — `createDSPEngine()`

Complete Signal Flow



```
                  |  resize buffers   |
                  +--------+----------+
                           |
                           v
                  +------------------+
                  |  DSP Engine      |  0x100098f0
                  |  vtable[1]       |  this+0xB8 object
                  |  (thin wrapper)  |
                  +--------+---------+
                           |
                           v
                  +------------------+
                  |  Audio Proc      |  0x1000a410
                  |  vtable[2]       |  DSP engine +0x0C
                  +--------+---------+
                           |
            +--------------+--------------+
            |              |              |
            v              v              v
       +---------+  +---------+   +---------+
1.     | Filter  |  | Filter  |   | Filter  |   0x1000cf30
       | Band 0  |  | Band 1  |   | Band N  |   Biquad IIR
       +----+----+  +----+----+   +----+----+
            |            |             |
            v            v             v
       +-------------------------------------+
2.     |  Per-Band Waveshaping + Gain        |   0x10009ad0
       |  For each band, each channel:       |
       |    sample *= band_drive             |
       |    sample = waveshape(sample)       |
       |    sample *= band_output_gain       |
       +----------------+--------------------+
                        |
                        v
       +-------------------------------------+
3.     |  Output Mixing                      |   0x1000a210
       |  If solo: copy solo band to output  |
       |  Else: sum all bands to output      |
       +-------------------------------------+
```

Object Hierarchy

```
QuadraFuzz Plugin Object (vtable @ 0x1004284c)
+-- +0x08  Editor object pointer
+-- +0x20  AEffect struct ('VstP' magic)
|   +-- +0x04  dispatcher thunk (0x10012530)
|   +-- +0x08  process thunk (0x100125d0)
|   +-- +0x0C  setParameter thunk (0x100125b0)
|   +-- +0x10  getParameter thunk (0x10012590)
|   +-- +0x40  back-pointer to C++ object
+-- +0xB4  Program/Preset object (36 bytes)
|   +-- Contains per-param value storage
|   +-- Has 10+ parameters (Band1-4, Output, Drive, Shape, Solo, etc.)
```

```
+-- +0xB8  DSP Engine object (120 bytes, vtable @ 0x10042758)
|   +-- +0x04  blockSize
|   +-- +0x08  numOutputChannels
|   +-- +0x0C  Audio Processor -> (84 bytes, vtable @ 0x10042760)
|   |   +-- Inherits FilterBank (vtable @ 0x10042788)
|   |   |   +-- +0x04  channel_data (per-band per-channel buffers)
|   |   |   +-- +0x08  sample_rate (float)
|   |   |   +-- +0x0C  num_channels
|   |   |   +-- +0x10  num_bands
|   |   |   +-- +0x18  solo_band_index
|   |   |   +-- +0x1C  solo_active (byte)
|   |   |   +-- +0x1D  bypass_flag (byte)
|   |   |   +-- +0x24  band_descriptors (24 bytes each)
|   |   |   +-- +0x28  filter_objects (FilterObj*, 88 bytes each)
|   |   +-- +0x2C  waveshape_table_ptr (256 floats)
|   |   +-- +0x30  shape_mode_state
|   |   +-- +0x3C  drive_compensate (pow(10, -shape_drive_dB/20))
|   |   +-- +0x40  input_drive (linear, from "In" dB param)
|   |   +-- +0x44  output_level (linear, from "Out" dB param)
|   |   +-- +0x48  per_band_drive[] (linear gains, from dB)
|   |   +-- +0x4C  per_band_output_gain[] (linear gains, from dB)
|   |   +-- +0x50  sign_state (float, carries between calls)
|   +-- +0x74  another blockSize copy
+-- +0xCC  active flag (word)
```

Main Processing Chain

process() — 0x10008f10

```
// vtable[4]: process(float** inputs, float** outputs, int sampleFrames)
void QuadraFuzz::process(float** inputs, float** outputs, int sampleFrames) {
    if (!this->active)  // +0xCC
        return;

    if (this->blockSize < sampleFrames)  // +0x1C
        this->vtable[20](sampleFrames);  // resize buffers

    Program* prog = this->program;  // +0xB4
    if (!prog->synced) {  // prog+0x18 == 0
        this->dsp_engine->syncParams(prog);  // calls 0x100095e0
    }

    // Process audio: accumulate into output buffers
    this->dsp_engine->vtable[1](inputs, outputs, sampleFrames, 1);

    // Post-processing parameter update if needed
    if (prog->param_changed && !prog->param_locked) {
        this->dsp_engine->updateParams(prog);  // calls 0x100098d0
        prog->param_changed = 0;
    }
}
```

processReplacing() — 0x10008fa0

```
// vtable[5]: processReplacing(float** inputs, float** outputs, int sampleFrames)
void QuadraFuzz::processReplacing(float** inputs, float** outputs,
                                  int sampleFrames) {
    if (this->blockSize < sampleFrames)
        this->vtable[20](sampleFrames);

    if (!this->active)
        return;

    // Same sync check as process()
    Program* prog = this->program;
    if (!prog->synced)
        this->dsp_engine->syncParams(prog);

    // Process audio: replace output buffers
    this->dsp_engine->vtable[1](inputs, outputs, sampleFrames, 0);

    // Bypass mode: copy input[0] to all outputs
    if (this->bypass_mode == 1) {  // +0xC4
        for (int i = 0; i < sampleFrames; i++)
            outputs[ch][i] = inputs[0][i];  // mono bypass
    }
}
```

DSP Engine Process — 0x100098f0

```
void DSPEngine::process(float** inputs, float** outputs,
                        int sampleFrames, int accum) {
    AudioProcessor* proc = this->audio_proc;  // +0x0C

    if (accum) {
        // Process into input buffers (in-place), then add to output
        proc->vtable[2](inputs, inputs, sampleFrames);
        int numChannels = this->numOutputs;  // +0x08
        for (int ch = 0; ch < numChannels; ch++) {
            float* src = inputs[ch];
            float* dst = outputs[ch];
            for (int i = 0; i < sampleFrames; i++)
                dst[i] += src[i];
        }
    } else {
        // Process directly into output buffers (replacing)
        proc->vtable[2](inputs, outputs, sampleFrames);
    }
}
```

Audio Processor Process — 0x1000a410

```
void AudioProcessor::process(float** inputs, float** outputs,
                             int sampleFrames) {
    // STEP 1: Split input into frequency bands via crossover filters
    for (int band = 0; band < this->num_bands; band++) {
        float** band_bufs = this->channel_data[band];
```

```
        FilterObj* filter = this->filters[band];
        filter->process(inputs, band_bufs, sampleFrames);  // biquad IIR
    }

    // STEP 2: Apply per-band waveshaping and gain
    this->vtable[3](this->channel_data, sampleFrames);

    // STEP 3: Mix bands to output
    if (this->bypass_flag) {
        int solo = this->solo_band;
        for (int ch = 0; ch < this->num_channels; ch++)
            memcpy(outputs[ch], this->channel_data[solo][ch],
                   sampleFrames * 4);
    } else {
        this->mixBands(this->channel_data, outputs, sampleFrames);
    }
}
```

Crossover Filter (Biquad IIR)

Filter Process — 0x1000cf30

Each filter band uses a **Direct Form I biquad** (2nd-order IIR) operating in **double precision** internally:

```
void FilterObj::process(float** inputs, float** outputs, int sampleFrames) {
    for (int ch = 0; ch < this->num_channels; ch++) {
        double b0 = state->coeff[0];   // +0x00
        double b1 = state->coeff[1];   // +0x08
        double b2 = state->coeff[2];   // +0x10
        double a1 = state->coeff[3];   // +0x28
        double a2 = state->coeff[4];   // +0x30

        double x1 = state->x_delay[0]; // +0x50 (x[n-1])
        double x2 = state->x_delay[1]; // +0x58 (x[n-2])
        double y1 = state->y_delay[0]; // +0x70 (y[n-1])
        double y2 = state->y_delay[1]; // +0x78 (y[n-2])

        float* in  = inputs[ch];
        float* out = outputs[ch];

        for (int n = 0; n < sampleFrames; n++) {
            double x0 = (double)in[n];

            // Direct Form I biquad
            double y0 = b0*x0 + b1*x1 + b2*x2 - a1*y1 - a2*y2;

            x2 = x1; x1 = x0;
            y2 = y1; y1 = y0;

            out[n] = (float)y0;
        }

        // Denormal protection: flush tiny values to zero
```

```
        if (fabs(y1) < 1e-15) y1 = 0.0;
        if (fabs(y2) < 1e-15) y2 = 0.0;

        state->x_delay[0] = x1;
        state->x_delay[1] = x2;
        state->y_delay[0] = y1;
        state->y_delay[1] = y2;
    }
}
```

Filter Coefficient Computation — 0x1000c430

The filter coefficients are computed using standard **Butterworth** design:

```
void FilterObj::setCoefficients(int filter_type,
                                float low_freq, float high_freq) {
    // Normalize frequencies to [0, 0.5] (fraction of sample rate)
    double f_low  = (double)low_freq / this->sample_rate;
    double f_high = (double)high_freq / this->sample_rate;

    // Clamp: Nyquist guard
    if (f_high > 0.48) f_high = 0.48;
    if (f_low  > 0.49) f_low  = 0.49;

    // For bandpass (type 3+): filter_order = 5
    // For LP/HP (type 1-2):   filter_order = 3
    int order = (filter_type >= 3) ? 5 : 3;

    // Compute Butterworth poles via 0x1000c650
    // Compute biquad cascade via bilinear transform at 0x1000c6e0
    // Note: low_freq is pre-scaled by 1.15 (band overlap)
}
```

Key constants for filter design:

- Nyquist guard: `0.48 × sample_rate` (upper) and `0.49 × sample_rate` (lower)
- Band width factor: `1.15` (crossover bands are 15% wider than nominal)
- Filter types: 3 = bandpass (used for all crossover bands)

Per-Band Waveshaping

Waveshaping + Gain — 0x10009ad0

This is the core distortion function:

```
void AudioProcessor::processBands(float** band_data, int sampleFrames) {
    float output_gain = this->output_level * this->drive_compensate;

    float* per_band_drive  = this->per_band_drive;
    float* per_band_output = this->per_band_output;
    float  global_drive    = this->input_drive;
    float  sign_state      = this->sign_state;
    float* table           = this->waveshape_table;
```

```
    for (int band = 0; band < this->num_bands; band++) {
        float band_input_gain  = global_drive * per_band_drive[band];
        float band_output_gain = output_gain * per_band_output[band];

        for (int ch = 0; ch < this->num_channels; ch++) {
            float* samples = band_data[band][ch];

            for (int s = 0; s < sampleFrames; s++) {
                float x = samples[s] * band_input_gain;
                float sign = 1.0f;

                if (x < 0.0f) {
                    sign = -1.0f;
                    x = -x;
                }

                float y;
                if (x >= 1.0f) {
                    y = 1.0f;           // Hard clamp
                    sign_state = 1.0f;
                } else {
                    // Table lookup with linear interpolation
                    float scaled = x * 254.0f;
                    int index = (int)scaled;
                    float frac = scaled - (float)index;
                    y = table[index]
                      + frac * (table[index + 1] - table[index]);
                }

                samples[s] = sign * y * band_output_gain;
            }
        }
    }
    this->sign_state = sign_state;
}
```

Key details:

- Table index scaling: `index = abs(sample) × 254.0` → maps [0,1] to [0,254]
- Linear interpolation between adjacent table entries
- Odd symmetry: negative inputs produce negative outputs
- Hard clamp at ±1.0 before table lookup

Output Mixing

Mix Bands — 0x1000a210

```
void AudioProcessor::mixBands(float** band_data, float** outputs,
                              int sampleFrames) {
    for (int ch = 0; ch < this->num_channels; ch++) {
        if (this->solo_active) {
            int solo_band = this->solo_band;
```

```
            memcpy(outputs[ch], band_data[solo_band][ch],
                   sampleFrames * sizeof(float));
        } else {
            // Copy band 0
            memcpy(outputs[ch], band_data[0][ch],
                   sampleFrames * sizeof(float));
            // Add bands 1..N-1
            for (int band = 1; band < this->num_bands; band++) {
                float* src = band_data[band][ch];
                for (int s = 0; s < sampleFrames; s++)
                    outputs[ch][s] += src[s];
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Note: The mixing is a simple additive sum — no dry/wet mix parameter exists. The output level is applied during waveshaping, not during mixing.

Parameter System

Parameter Sync — 0x100095e0

When parameters change, the sync function applies them to the audio processor:

```
void syncParams(Program* prog) {
    // Params 0-3: Per-band gain (dB -> linear)
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        float dB = prog->getParam(i);
        audio_proc->per_band_drive[i] = pow(10.0, dB * 0.05);
    }

    // Param 4: Input drive level ("In", +/-20 dB)
    float drv_dB = prog->getParam(4);
    audio_proc->input_drive = pow(10.0, drv_dB * 0.05);

    // Param 5: Output level ("Out", +/-20 dB)
    float out_dB = prog->getParam(5);
    audio_proc->output_level = pow(10.0, out_dB * 0.05);

    // Param 6: Shape mode (float -> int, add 0.5 for rounding)
    int shape = (int)(prog->getParam(6) + 0.5f);
    audio_proc->setShape(shape);

    // Param 11: Solo band
    int solo = (int)prog->getParam(11);
    audio_proc->setSolo(solo);
}
```

dB Conversion

All gain parameters use the same formula:

```
float dB_to_linear(float dB) {
    return powf(10.0f, dB * 0.05f);  // = powf(10, dB/20)
}
```

Constants: `base = 10.0` (at `0x42398`), `scale = 0.05` (at `0x42778`)

Shape Mode Setter — 0x10009c50

```
void AudioProcessor::setShape(int shape_index) {
    float* table = shape_table_ptrs[shape_index];  // 0x1004a090
    this->waveshape_table = table;

    // Each table has 256 floats + 1 float (drive_dB) at offset 0x400
    float drive_dB = *(float*)(table + 256);

    // Compute drive compensation
    this->drive_compensate = pow(10.0, -drive_dB * 0.05);
}
```

Solo Setter — 0x1000a1f0

```
void AudioProcessor::setSolo(int band) {
    this->solo_band = band;
    if (band >= 0 && band < this->num_bands)
        this->solo_active = 1;
    else
        this->solo_active = 0;  // -1 = no solo
}
```

Waveshaping Tables

Five 256-entry waveshaping tables stored in `.data` section. Each table maps normalized input [0, 1] → output [0, 1]. Odd symmetry is applied at runtime for negative inputs.

Shape 0 — Linear (Bypass) — 0x10048c7c

- **256 floats**, linear ramp from 0.0 to 1.0
- **Drive compensation**: 2.0 dB
- **Character**: Clean pass-through with slight gain boost
- Key values: `t[0]=0.000, t[128]=0.690, t[255]=1.000`

Shape 1 — Mild Overdrive — 0x10049080

- **256 floats**, gentle saturation curve
- **Drive compensation**: 6.1 dB
- **Character**: Subtle warming/overdrive, noticeable compression above 50%
- Key values: `t[0]=0.000, t[64]=0.487, t[128]=0.936, t[255]=1.000`

Shape 2 — Soft Saturation — 0x10049484

- **256 floats**, similar to `tanh(5x)`
- **Drive compensation**: 7.4 dB
- **Character**: Moderate soft-clip, warm distortion with smooth onset
- Key values: `t[32]=0.550, t[64]=0.820, t[128]=0.983, t[255]=1.000`

Shape 3 — Tube Saturation — 0x10049888

- **256 floats**, sampled tube characteristic
- **Drive compensation**: 6.9 dB
- **Character**: Rapid initial saturation, distinctive dip around index 100–110 (0.73), then rises back
- NOT a simple mathematical function — use extracted table data directly
- Key values: `t[8]=0.406, t[64]=0.698, t[128]=0.742, t[255]=1.000`

Shape 4 — Hard Clip — 0x10049c8c

- **256 floats**, nearly square, similar to `tanh(30x)`
- **Drive compensation**: 10.2 dB
- **Character**: Aggressive fuzz/hard clipping with slight rounding
- Key values: `t[8]=0.672, t[32]=0.983, t[128]=1.000, t[255]=1.000`

Crossover Infrastructure

log2 Helper — 0x1000c250

```
float log2_helper(float x) {
    return log2f(x);  // via fyl2x / change-of-base
}
```

Crossover Frequency Setter — 0x10002c00

```
void setCrossoverFreq(int band_index, float new_freq_log2) {
    // Clamp to [log2(low_limit), log2(high_limit)]
    // Enforce minimum spacing between adjacent bands
    // Store in freq_array[band_index]
    // Trigger full crossover recalculation
}
```

Default Frequency Computation — 0x100032c0

```
float computeDefaultFreq(int band_index) {
    float low_log2 = log2f(fabsf(low_limit));
    float ratio_log2 = log2f(fabsf(high_limit / low_limit));
    return low_log2 + ratio_log2
         * ((float)band_index / (float)num_bands_minus1);
}
```

Distributes bands logarithmically between the low and high frequency limits.

Sample Rate Change — 0x100090f0

```
void setSampleRate(float sr) {
    this->sample_rate = sr;
    this->nyquist = sr * 0.5f;

    // Destroy old DSP engine, recreate
    if (this->dsp_engine) {
        delete this->dsp_engine;
        this->dsp_engine = NULL;
    }

    this->createDSPEngine();

    if (this->dsp_engine) {
        this->dsp_engine->syncParams(this->program);
        this->active = 1;
    }
}
```

Key Data Structure Layouts

QuadraFuzz Plugin Object Layout

Offset	Type	Description
+0x00	`void**`	C++ vtable (129 entries)
+0x04	`float`	sample_rate
+0x08	`void*`	editor object
+0x0C	`void*`	audioMaster callback
+0x1C	`int`	blockSize (initial: 1024)
+0x20	`char[4]`	AEffect magic: ‘VstP’
+0x24	`func*`	AEffect.dispatcher
+0x28	`func*`	AEffect.process
+0x2C	`func*`	AEffect.setParameter
+0x30	`func*`	AEffect.getParameter
+0x3C	`int`	numInputs (set to 2)
+0x40	`int`	numOutputs (initially 2)
+0x60	`void*`	object pointer (= this)
+0xB4	`void*`	Program/Preset object (36 bytes)
+0xB8	`void*`	DSP Engine object (120 bytes)
+0xC4	`int`	bypass_mode (1 = passthrough)

+0xCC	`word`	active flag

AudioProcessor Object Layout (84 bytes)

Offset	Type	Description
+0x00	`void**`	vtable
+0x04	`void**`	channel_data (filter output buffers)
+0x08	`float`	sample_rate
+0x0C	`int`	num_channels
+0x10	`int`	num_bands
+0x18	`int`	solo_band_index (-1 = none)
+0x1C	`byte`	solo_active
+0x1D	`byte`	bypass_flag
+0x24	`void*`	band_descriptors (24 bytes each)
+0x28	`void**`	filters (FilterObj*, 88 bytes each)
+0x2C	`float*`	waveshape_table (256 entries)
+0x3C	`float`	drive_compensate
+0x40	`float`	input_drive (linear)
+0x44	`float`	output_level (linear)
+0x48	`float*`	per_band_drive (linear gains)
+0x4C	`float*`	per_band_output_gain
+0x50	`float`	sign_state

Biquad State (per-channel, per-section)

Offset	Type	Description
+0x00	`double`	b0 coefficient
+0x08	`double`	b1 coefficient
+0x10	`double`	b2 coefficient
+0x28	`double`	a1 coefficient
+0x30	`double`	a2 coefficient
+0x50	`double`	x[n-1]
+0x58	`double`	x[n-2]
+0x70	`double`	y[n-1]
+0x78	`double`	y[n-2]

Constants Reference

Address	Value	Type	Usage
`0x42210`	0.001	float	Hz to kHz conversion
`0x42214`	0.0	float	Zero comparison
`0x42218`	1.0	float	Unity gain / clamp
`0x4221C`	0.5	float	Nyquist = SR × 0.5
`0x42294`	0.001	float	Crossover drag scale
`0x42298`	0.01	float	Gain drag scale
`0x4229C`	1000.0	float	kHz display threshold
`0x42398`	10.0	double	dB conversion base
`0x423A0`	1.0	double	Clamp threshold
`0x42770`	254.0	float	Waveshape table scale
`0x42778`	0.05	double	dB scale (= 1/20)
`0x42798`	1.15	double	Band width expansion
`0x427A0`	0.49	double	Lower Nyquist guard
`0x427A8`	0.48	double	Upper Nyquist guard
`0x42A80`	−1.0e-15	double	Denormal threshold (neg)
`0x42A88`	1.0e-15	double	Denormal threshold (pos)

Notes for Reimplementation

Critical Implementation Details

1. **Frequency representation**: Internal crossover frequencies are in **log2(Hz)** space. Convert to Hz via `powf(2.0f, freq_log2)`.
2. **Filter topology**: Butterworth biquad IIR, Direct Form I, **double precision** internally with float I/O. Bandpass filters use order 5, LP/HP use order 3.
3. **Waveshaping precision**: Table lookup uses `index = abs(sample) × 254.0f` with **linear interpolation** between entries. Must clamp at ±1.0 before lookup.
4. **Drive compensation**: Each shape mode has a built-in drive level (2.0–10.2 dB). The `drive_compensate` field automatically attenuates the output to maintain consistent levels when switching shapes.
5. **dB conversion**: All gain params use `pow(10.0, dB / 20.0)` — standard dB to linear.
6. **No dry/wet mix**: Output is purely the sum of processed bands. The “Output” parameter controls the overall level.

7. **Solo mode**: Simply copies the selected band's output to all output channels, bypassing the summing.
8. **5 shape modes** (not 4 as initially assumed): 0 = Linear, 1 = Mild Overdrive, 2 = Soft Saturation, 3 = Tube Saturation, 4 = Hard Clip.
9. **Band width factor**: Crossover filter bands are 15% wider than their nominal frequencies (`low_freq *= 1.15`), creating slight overlap between bands for smoother crossover transition.
10. **Denormal protection**: The filter process function checks for denormals after each block and flushes values < 1e-15 to zero.

Tube Table Caveat

The tube saturation table (Shape 3) is a **sampled curve** that cannot be approximated by a simple mathematical function. It has a distinctive dip around index 100–110. Must use the extracted 256-float table directly.

Default State

- 4 bands, logarithmically spaced between 20 Hz and Nyquist
- All band gains: 0 dB
- Output: 0 dB (defaults to 0.7 in editor → 3 dB)
- Drive: 0 dB (defaults to 0.3 in editor → −10 dB)
- Shape: 0 (Linear)
- Solo: −1 (off)

CHAPTER 0

Extraction Status

All critical items required for a faithful QuadraFuzz v1 recreation have been completed.

Phase 1: Critical Path (blocks reimplementation)

1.1 — Main Processing Loop ✓

COMPLETED. Full signal chain traced from `processReplacing()` through all layers:

- `vtable[5]` → `0x10008fa0` (processReplacing, checks active, syncs params)
- → DSP Engine `vtable[1]` → `0x100098f0` (thin wrapper, handles accum/replace)
- → Audio Processor `vtable[2]` → `0x1000a410` (splits into bands, processes, mixes)
  - Step 1: Biquad IIR crossover filtering per band → `0x1000cf30`
  - Step 2: Per-band waveshaping + gain → `0x10009ad0`
  - Step 3: Output mixing (sum or solo) → `0x1000a210`

Key discovery: The process function pointer was NOT at the previously suspected addresses. The real process is dispatched through the AEffect thunk (`0x100125d0`) → C++ vtable[4/5] → DSP engine chain.

1.2 — Crossover Filter Coefficient Computation ✓

COMPLETED. The crossover uses **Butterworth biquad IIR filters** (Direct Form I):

- Coefficient computation at `0x1000c430` with helpers `0x1000c650` (pole computation) and `0x1000c6e0` (bilinear transform)
- Bandpass filters (type 3) use order 5; LP/HP use order 3
- **Double precision** internal computation with float I/O
- Nyquist guard: frequencies clamped to 0.48–0.49 × sample_rate
- Band width expansion factor: 1.15× (slight overlap for smooth crossover)
- Denormal protection after each block

1.3 — Waveshape Index Scaling ✓

COMPLETED. The exact formula:

```
float scaled = fabsf(sample) * 254.0f;
int index = (int)scaled;
float frac = scaled - (float)index;
float result = table[index] + frac * (table[index+1] - table[index]);
```

Table scale = 254.0, with linear interpolation. Hard clamp at ±1.0 before table lookup.

Phase 2: Parameter Behaviors (needed for accuracy)

2.1 — Clip Parameter ✓

COMPLETED. There is no separate "clip" parameter. The hard clamp at ±1.0 is integral to the wave-shaping function — it happens when `abs(sample * band_drive) >= 1.0`. The effective clip threshold is controlled by per-band gain, global drive, and shape's drive compensation.

2.2 — Solo Parameter ✓

COMPLETED. Solo setter at `0x1000a1f0`. When solo is active, the output mixer copies only the solo'd band to output instead of summing all bands. Solo = –1 means "off".

2.3 — Dry/Wet Mix ✓

COMPLETED. There is no dry/wet mix parameter. The output is purely the sum of processed bands.

2.4 — Shape Mode 4 ✓

COMPLETED. There are **5 shape modes** (0–4), not 4:

Mode	Name	Table Address	Drive Comp
0	Linear (bypass)	`0x10048c7c`	2.0 dB
1	Mild Overdrive	`0x10049080`	6.1 dB
2	Soft Saturation	`0x10049484`	7.4 dB
3	Tube Saturation	`0x10049888`	6.9 dB
4	Hard Clip	`0x10049c8c`	10.2 dB

Phase 3: Nice to Have

3.1 — Preset Recovery ✓

All 16 presets are valid. The initial confusion was due to incorrect struct layout assumption (name-first vs params-first).

3.2 — GUI Interaction Details ✓

Key details documented:
- 664×248 main bitmap, dialog 150 with 32 controls
- Mouse interaction handler at `0x10002610`
- Crossover frequencies edited horizontally, band gains vertically
- Double-click resets to defaults

- Auto-add/remove bands when dragging to extremes

Execution Summary

All critical and accuracy items are complete:

1. ✓ Complete process function chain (4 layers deep)
2. ✓ Biquad IIR crossover filter with Butterworth design
3. ✓ Waveshaping with 5 tables, 254.0× scaling, linear interpolation
4. ✓ All parameter behaviors (gain, drive, output, shape, solo)
5. ✓ Output mixing (additive band sum, solo bypass)
6. ✓ Drive compensation per shape mode
7. ✓ No dry/wet mix (clarified as absent)
8. ✓ 5 shapes confirmed (not 4)

Status: Ready for reimplementation.

CHAPTER 0

Reimplementation Plan

Goal

Create a modern, open-source reimplementation of QuadraFuzz v1 as a cross-platform audio plugin (VST3/CLAP/AU) with faithful DSP and a modern UI.

Source Material

All DSP algorithms, waveshape tables, presets, and GUI resources have been fully reverse-engineered from the original `QuadraFuzz.dll` (v1.01, 2000).

Plugin Framework Selection

Option	Pros	Cons
JUCE	Mature, great GUI, VST3/AU/CLAP	GPL or commercial license
NIH-plug (Rust)	Modern, CLAP-native, MIT	Smaller ecosystem
DISTRHO Plugin Framework	Lightweight, MIT	Less GUI support

For a faithful recreation, **JUCE** is the pragmatic choice. For a Rust-based modern take, **NIH-plug** would be interesting.

DSP Components

All algorithms are fully documented. No unknowns remain.

1. Crossover Filter Bank

Butterworth biquad IIR, Direct Form I, double precision internal, float I/O.

- Bandpass filters (type 3): order 5
- LP/HP filters (type 1/2): order 3

- Band width expansion: 1.15× (crossover bands 15% wider than nominal)
- Nyquist guard: clamp at 0.48–0.49 × sample_rate
- Denormal protection: flush values < 1e-10 to zero after each block
- Frequencies represented internally as log2(Hz)

2. Waveshaping Engine

Table-lookup with linear interpolation, 5 shape modes:

Mode	Name	Table Address	Drive Comp	Character
0	Linear	`0x48C7C`	2.0 dB	Clean pass-through
1	Mild Overdrive	`0x49080`	6.1 dB	Subtle warming
2	Soft Saturation	`0x49484`	7.4 dB	≈tanh(5x)
3	Tube Saturation	`0x49888`	6.9 dB	Sampled curve
4	Hard Clip	`0x49C8C`	10.2 dB	≈tanh(30x)

Index formula: `idx = abs(sample) × 254.0`, linear interpolation, odd symmetry, hard clamp at ±1.0.

3. Per-Band Processing

Each band: `sample × band_drive → waveshape(x) → × band_output_gain`

- Gain: `pow(10, dB/20)` standard conversion
- Drive compensation per shape mode (auto-attenuates to maintain consistent level)
- Output is purely additive band sum (no dry/wet mix)

4. Solo Mode

Solo copies selected band to output, bypassing the summing. Solo = –1 means all bands summed.

5. Factory Presets

All 16 factory presets + Default fully extracted. Struct: `float params[16]` at +0, `char name[32]` at +64, `int num_params` at +96 = 100 bytes.

6. GUI

Original: 664×248 bitmap skin, GDI-based crossover visualization, custom Win32 controls.

Modern approach:

- Vector graphics (no bitmaps) or use extracted bitmaps for retro mode
- Interactive crossover display with draggable frequency handles
- Per-band controls: drive, level, shape, solo
- Resizable window
- Real-time spectrum visualization (optional enhancement)

Implementation Phases

Phase 1: DSP Core (No GUI)

1. Crossover filter bank (Butterworth biquad IIR, Direct Form I, double precision)
2. Waveshaping engine (5 tables from extracted data, 254.0 scaling, linear interp)
3. Per-band processing chain (drive → waveshape → output gain)
4. Output mixing (additive sum + solo bypass)
5. Unit tests with known signals

Phase 2: Plugin Wrapper

1. VST3/CLAP plugin scaffolding
2. Parameter system: 16 preset params + 16 program params
3. Factory presets (16 + Default)
4. Basic processing verification in a DAW

Phase 3: GUI

1. Frequency band editor (crossover visualization)
2. Per-band controls
3. Global controls (output, shape mode, presets)
4. Level meters

Phase 4: Polish

1. Factory preset tuning (compare with original if possible via Wine/VM)
2. CPU optimization (SIMD for filter processing)
3. Additional formats (AU, CLAP, standalone)
4. Documentation

Running the Original (for reference)

The extracted `QuadraFuzz.dll` can potentially be loaded in:

- **Wine** + a VST 2.x host (e.g., REAPER with Wine bridge)
- **A Windows VM** with a VST 2.x host
- **A custom test harness** that loads the DLL and calls the VST entry point

This would allow capturing exact frequency responses and distortion transfer functions for validation.