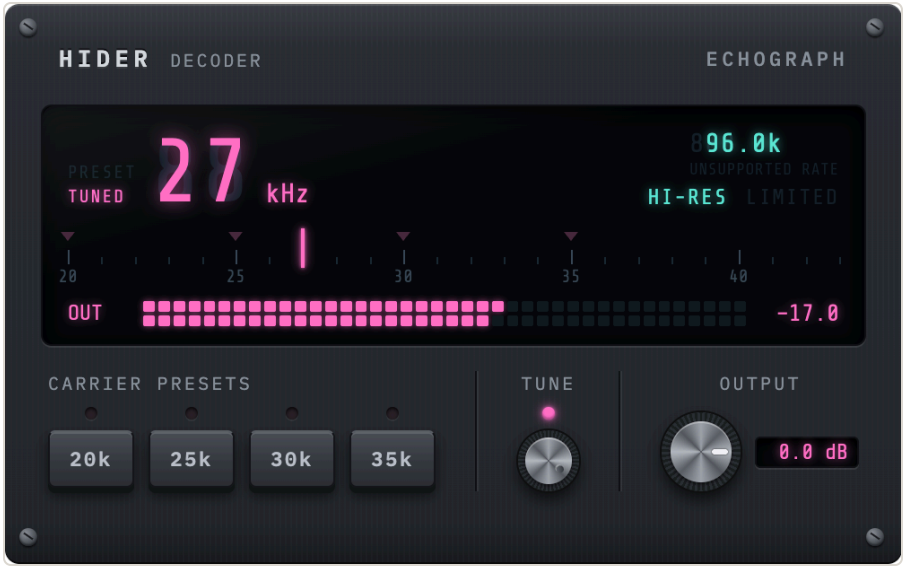
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FREE PLUGIN

Hider Decoder (plugin) — a quick guide

VST3 / AU — decode only



This is the free half of Hider. Hooray!

What does Hider Decoder do?

If someone sends you a file encoded with Hider and you want to pull the hidden signal back out inside your own DAW session, this is the tool. It doesn't encode anything; it only reverses what Hider already did.

Same rule applies on this side as on the encode side: the hidden signal lives above 20kHz, so it only survives in high-sample-rate, uncompressed files. If whoever sent you the file ran it through a streaming service or anything lossy first, there may be nothing left to recover. That's not Hider Decoder failing, that's the hidden signal having already been stripped out before it got to you. Ask for the real file.

Setting it up

Drop Hider Decoder on a track carrying the encoded signal. Stereo in, stereo out.

Next to the meters is the carrier readout, the same control as on the encode side, just working in reverse. Pick the carrier the original file was encoded with from **CARRIER PRESETS**, or dial it in by hand with **TUNE** if whoever sent it to you gave you a specific number. **OUTPUT** trims the level of the recovered signal once it comes back out.

Get the carrier wrong and you'll hear silence or noise instead of the hidden content. There's no auto-detect (maybe in a future version); the carrier is part of how the signal was hidden in the first place, so you need the exact number from whoever encoded it.

If something sounds off

Silence or noise instead of the hidden content. Carrier mismatch, almost certainly. Confirm the exact number with whoever sent you the file.

Still nothing, even with the right carrier. Sample rate, probably. If the file you were handed is 44.1kHz or got run through anything lossy on the way to you, the hidden signal may simply not have survived the trip. Ask for the original, uncompressed, high-sample-rate file.

A note on where this came from

This plugin exists so people receiving Hider-encoded material don't need to buy the full plugin just to listen to what's hidden in something sent to them. It's free on purpose, and it'll stay that way.

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