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MoReVox RetroVerb 1.2 IR Library Reviewed

RetroVerb 1.2 is a library of 125 impulse responses created by MoReVox for use in convolution reverbs, such as TL Space. Impulse responses are short samples of the reverb of a space such as a church, hall or room. A convolution reverb can load these samples and these spaces can be recreated and manipulated. Impulse responses are often created to simulate pieces of vintage gear or speaker cabinets, but the ones in this library are only reverbs.



The collection is 125 24 bit, 44.1 kHz WAV files ranging from 0.7 seconds to 7 seconds long. The full list of impulses is here in this PDF.

So how does they sound? Lets put it this way, my favorites IR folder is now 85% from Retroverb. While there are a few good IRs included with TL Space, I don't find most of them useful for mixing music. That's not the case with Retroverb, these really seem to be aimed at music rather than post production, especially considering that they've included 30 plate reverbs including EMTs. The impulses are conveniently sorted into 4 categories, Halls, Large Spaces, Plates, and Rooms & Chambers. The filenames are a lot like the presets on a hardware unit, descriptive names like Warm Plate, or Dly Hall, which I really like as then I get an idea of what it's purpose is without hearing it.

The reverbs sound really good IMHO, my only complaint about the sound is some are too bright, I prefer darker reverbs, but I'm not afraid to use EQ whenever I need it.

Impulses recorded at 48 or 96 kHz would be nice but I'd imagine 44.1 is fine for most users including me. I do think MoReVox should do an HD version of this collection.

One other slight complaint is I'd like to see more information about what was sampled for this library as its very vague, the RetroVerb site only says "Real Spaces, Vintage Hardware, Custom MoReVox".

Installation was easy, you just need a serial number (emailed after payment) and to choose where you want them to go. No system requirements to speak of, you just need a convolution reverb such as TL Space, Pristine Space, Space Designer, etc.

Despite those little complaints. I think this is an awesome collection and I know I'll be using these on every mix from now on! Highly recommended.

Download MoReVox RetroVerb for only \$59.00

http://www.mprevox.com/retroverb





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