Black Lion Audio Auteur 8DAT



Black Lion Audio announces the Auteur 8DAT. Three products in one, the Auteur 8DAT is an eight- channel mic preamp; an ultra-stable word clock; and an 8-channel ADAT expander, ideal for adding the weight and color of Auteur preamps to any ADAT-equipped recording hardware. With Cinemag transformer-coupled analog circuits, high-end conversion, and patented Macro-MMC clocking technology, Auteur 8DAT delivers world-class recording performance in just two rack spaces.

For years, Black Lion Audio's Auteur preamps have earned a reputation for exceptional sonic flexibility. Auteur 8DAT delivers eight channels of the acclaimed Auteur design in a single unit, making it easy to track multiple sources simultaneously while giving each channel just the right amount of desired preamp color. Auteur preamps' unique hybrid design features a fast, transparent IC-based front-end and Cinemag output transformers that add weight and color when pushed. The result is a preamp capable of delivering crisp, modern transient response at conservative gain levels while offering the warmth and saturation associated with classic British designs when driven.

Auteur 8DAT is designed to integrate seamlessly into modern hybrid studios. Users can route signals through analog XLR outputs to a console or take advantage of built-in ADAT connectivity to add eight channels of high-quality preamps directly to their existing audio interface. Each channel includes independent phantom power, polarity reverse, and a -10dB pad, along with front-panel ¼-inch inputs switchable between DI and line-level operation. For outboard processing, the unit also features eight insert points via DB25 connectors. These inserts can be switched directly from the front panel, making it easy to A/B external processing when monitoring through the ADAT outputs. The sends can also function as mults, enabling parallel processing chains or mid-side workflows.

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Auteur 8DAT doubles as a powerful word clock capable of synchronizing an entire recording rig. Its patented Macro-MMC technology ensures ultra-stable synchronization and extremely low jitter, helping preserve transient clarity and stereo imaging. Engineers can confidently clock their whole system from the Auteur 8DAT via BNC connections - or sync the unit to an external clock if desired.

Black Lion Audio has equipped the Auteur 8DAT with premium components throughout its signal path. High-end Vishay, Wima, and Nichicon capacitors, thin-film resistors, and carefully optimized gain staging ensure low noise and maximum signal integrity. The converters are derived from the company’s acclaimed Revolution interfaces, delivering clear, detailed digital capture at sample rates up to 192kHz.

Built to withstand both studio and live environments, the Auteur 8DAT features a rugged chassis with a black-anodized aluminum faceplate for a refined, professional appearance. With eight channels of versatile preamps, integrated clocking, and premium conversion, the Auteur 8DAT represents a powerful centerpiece for expanding modern recording systems.

Key Features:

- 8-channel Auteur preamp/Word Clock with ADAT
- Add eight channels of Auteur tone to any ADAT-compatible interface with detailed, high-end conversion
- Eight versatile, Cinemag transformer-equipped Auteur preamps deliver clean, fast transient response at low gain settings, adding heft and color when driven
- Eight front-mounted Hi-Z/Line inputs for line-level devices and guitars/basses
- Eight send/returns over DB25 allow connection of a rack-full of hardware processing; sends double as mults
- Independent +48V, polarity, -10 dB pad, and insert control per input
- Incredible internal clocking featuring patented Macro-MMC technology with BNC I/O
- High-end Vishay, Nichicon, and Wima capacitors, as well as high-end ICs for low noise
- All inputs and outputs are fully decoupled and balanced in a manner only found in the most premium audio equipment available

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The Auteur 8DAT will be available for pre-order as of May 5, 2026, and is expected to start shipping through Black Lion Audio’s growing global network of dealers in Q2 2026.

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