BOOM Library Thunderstorm Chaser

BOOM Library, a company with expertise in premium sound effects, announces the release of Thunderstorm Chaser, one of its most ambitious and electrifying sound effects libraries to date. Thunderstorm Chaser delivers an unparalleled collection of authentic thunderstorm recordings, capturing the full force and nuance of nature's most dramatic phenomena. Recorded over a period spanning six years and thousands of miles, this extraordinary library is the result of field recordist Matt Mikkelsen’s relentless pursuit of sonic perfection.

Designed for sound design professionals working across film, TV, games, immersive media, and beyond, Thunderstorm Chaser sets a new benchmark in natural sound libraries, offering unmatched realism, flexibility, and emotional depth. Capturing the raw power of thunderstorms is among the most challenging feats in sound design. Thunderstorm Chaser stands apart through its authenticity – the result of six years of dedicated storm chasing, cutting-edge recording technology, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Matt Mikkelsen, a renowned field recordist, spent months each year tracking storm systems across the United States, consulting meteorologists, and braving extreme conditions to capture thunder in its purest form. His journey, marked by perseverance and even a near-death experience from a lightning strike, underscores the rarity and value of this library. "Recording thunderstorms is one of the hardest and most rewarding challenges in sound design," Mikkelsen reflects. "These sounds are not recreated or staged – they are real, powerful moments captured at significant personal risk and immense patience."

Furthermore, Thunderstorm Chaser is recorded using the highly acclaimed SCHOEPS ORTF-3D setup, an 8-channel array designed to provide exceptional spatial fidelity. This advanced technique offers sound designers:

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- Unmatched Spatial Realism: Height layers and three-dimensional depth for immersive formats like Dolby Atmos and VR.
- Pristine Quality: Every thunderclap, rumble, and crack captured with astonishing clarity and natural reverberation.
- Complete Storm Progressions: From distant rumbles to explosive overhead strikes, rain, hail, and wind – all in raw, unprocessed form.

While aimed primarily at sound designers for film, television, and games, Thunderstorm Chaser also serves professionals in theatre, museum installations, education, and natural history documentaries. Its versatility and authenticity make it a vital tool for any professional seeking to evoke awe, tension, or drama through sound. Axel Rohrbach, Creative Director at BOOM Library, comments; "Thunderstorm Chaser represents the pinnacle of our commitment to sound excellence. The scale of this project, both in time and technical precision, is unlike anything we've done before. The result is a sound library that doesn't just depict storms – it embodies them. We believe this sets a new standard for natural sound recording."

Thunderstorm Chaser is available in Stereo for $129 and in 3D Surround for $349 (incl. Stereo version). There is a special 20% off introductory offer of $103.20 for Stereo and $279.20 for 3D Surround until April 8th 2025. Thunderstorm Chaser is free for those with a current SIGNATURE SERIES BUNDLE subscription. Users should check their accounts.

Specifications:

- 3D Surround: 104 3D Surround files (208 incl. Stereo version) - 96kHz/24bit - 36.1 GB (45.2GB incl. Stereo version)
- Stereo: 104 WAV files - 96kHz/24bit - 9.1 B

BOOM Library's Thunderstorm Chaser will be available for purchase and download from 25 March 2025.

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