



SPECIAL RESERVES
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An Impact Soundworks Instrument
for Kontakt Player 7.6+
Instrument Version 1.0.0

Product Manual

Introduction

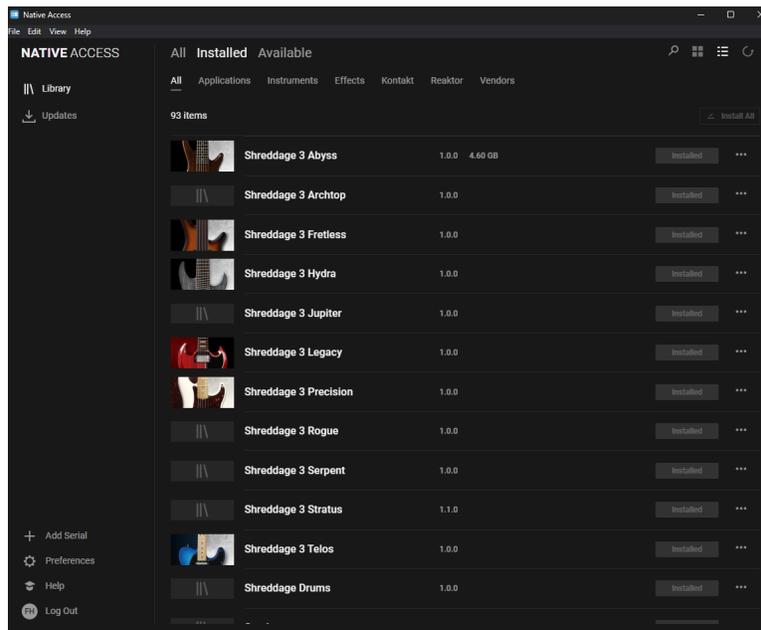
The **Special Reserves** series delivers production-ready sounds that are streamlined and extremely easy to use. Created & curated by Impact Soundworks co-founder Andrew Aversa, each entry in the series is designed around a single sonic concept, polished to a mirror shine and ready to drop in your next hit soundtrack or record. Sporting just *eight* simple controls, these instruments make it as simple as possible to get great results!

The ten-ton monster of drums and percussion, **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums** redefines the term 'heavy' with a blend of mega-processed acoustic drum hits, ensembles, and slams. Whether you need drums to accompany ultra-low tuned rock and metal or to punctuate the most epic of epic trailers, Colossal Hybrid Drums does exactly what you'd expect, and nothing less.

Created using both real recordings and physical modeling synthesis, the library includes three primary kits: *the drum kit ensemble* (kick, snare, toms, hi hats, and cymbals), the *world ensemble* (five distinct drums), and the *mega tom ensemble* (six unique drums). Their massive sound doesn't mean inadequate detail, either: all hits are sampled with up to 8× dynamics and 10× round robins. Composers can drive and mold the final sound for easier mixing (or bigger slamming!) with the eight easy UI controls.

Installation

1. Download and install the Native Instruments [Kontakt Player](#), which will also install an auxiliary Kontakt library management software called [Native Access](#):



If your Native Access looks like the above (i.e., it is in 'dark mode'), you have Native Access 2. **Please continue on with [our online installation guide](#).**

If it does **not** (i.e., it is in 'light mode'), you have Native Access 1; continue with the installation steps below.

2. Next, install the [Pulse Downloader](#).*
3. Once Pulse is installed, open it and enter your **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums** product code, which is also its serial number (e.g., A1B2C-3D4E5-F6G7H-8I0J1-K2L3M). Follow the instructions to download and install the library. (If you wish to move the library to an external drive [for example], then do this before moving on to step 4, below.)
4. Open Native Access, click 'Add a Serial', and input that same product code to activate the library.
5. Once Native Access has activated your library, click 'View Products Not Installed'.
6. Find **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums** in this list and click the 'Add Library' button to the right.
7. Select the folder where Pulse downloaded the library (or, if you moved it in step 3, the folder where it currently resides). *This completes the installation process!*

* Pulse is a cross-platform desktop app that lets you download and install your libraries with blazing speed! You'll need to create a Pulse account, but once you do, you can access your purchases from any developers using Pulse, anytime, from any computer.

Using Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums



The Eight Knobs

The UI concept of a **Special Reserves** instrument is a simple 'one-pager' with eight intuitive knobs. For **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums**, the knobs are as follows:

- Hype** Adds an intense scoop to the sound.
- Rumble** Adds a low-end girth to the sound.
- Vel>Volume** Adds an effect where lower velocities will make the instrument quieter.
- Vel>Filter** Adds an effect where lower velocities will muffle the instrument.
- Tune** Fine-tuning up to ± 300 cents.
- Warmth** Adds tape saturation warmth.
- Drive** Adds classic saturation waveshaping.
- Space** Adds a spacey reverb.

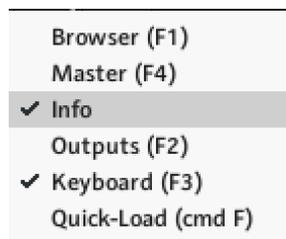
Setup & Tweaking

Tips for Getting the Most out of the User Interface

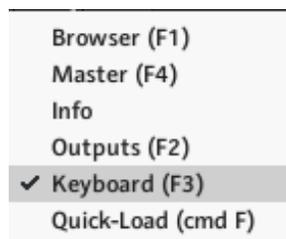
→ Almost all controls can be MIDI-learned by (1) right-clicking the UI knob and (2) selecting 'MIDI Learn'. You will then need to move the control of your choice on your MIDI control surface or in your DAW to establish the link.

***Pro tip:** Once you MIDI-learn something, you should save your modified version of that NKI so you won't have to do it again!*

→ You can view Help Text by hovering over controls in the **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums** UI. The Help Text will appear at the bottom-left of the Kontakt UI plug-in window. You can go to the Panels drop-down menu by clicking the  (Panels) icon at the top-right of the plug-in window and ensure 'Info' is checked:



→ The colorful Kontakt virtual keyboard, seen in our videos, is a Kontakt feature and not specific to **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums**. To enable the virtual keyboard, simply press **F3** on your computer (*not* MIDI!) keyboard. Alternatively, you can go to the Panels drop-down menu by clicking the Panels icon at the top-right of the plug-in window and ensure 'Keyboard' is checked:



→ **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums** is fully NKS Compatible and features quite a few existing host-automatable controls. If you have a Complete Kontrol keyboard or use the Complete Kontrol application, you will be able to benefit from this functionality!

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Troubleshooting

Having trouble with **Special Reserves: Colossal Hybrid Drums**? Use it in a project you want to tell us about? Drop us a line via our [Contact page](#) (but be sure to read the FAQ first!)

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