

**AUDIFIED**

# TONEKNOB SSSNIPER

**User Manual**

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# Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the AUDIFIED ToneKnob Sssniper. Sssniper is basically a smart de-esser — a handy effect that reduces harsh sibilance. Those annoying hissy “S” sounds are a common issue when recording vocals — whether singing or spoken word — on a microphone.

Sure, you can treat some of that at the source during tracking: mic position, pop filters, and all kinds of nylon socks in front of the mic. But those mostly help with low-end plosives — like the “p,” “b,” or “d” sounds. Sibilance is a different beast. It can still sneak through and ruin your mix even with proper mic technique. Or on the flip side, you overdo it, and the singer or speaker suddenly sounds muffled and lispy.

That’s exactly why we built Sssniper! It hunts down and snipes out all the nasty S-sounds for you — and you can easily control how much reduction you want with a simple twist of the knob. ToneKnob Sssniper is the latest and surely the most fun and inspiring addition to our ToneKnob series. We really went all out on it, and we hope it brings you the same joy. It's the kind of effect where you plug in your guitar, keyboard, snare drum, or add it to your vocal signal chain, and embark on an endless journey of inspiration.

## Software Installation

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Get the recent version of the plug-in from your user account on our website:

**Webpage:** [audified.com/account/downloads](https://audified.com/account/downloads)

- **Windows:** If the downloaded file is packed, unzip it. Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions. You can select the destination path and the installed plug-in format during the process.
- **Mac:** Mount the downloaded disk image and run the installer. You can select the installed plug-in format by clicking the Customize button. Plug-ins are installed in the standard locations.

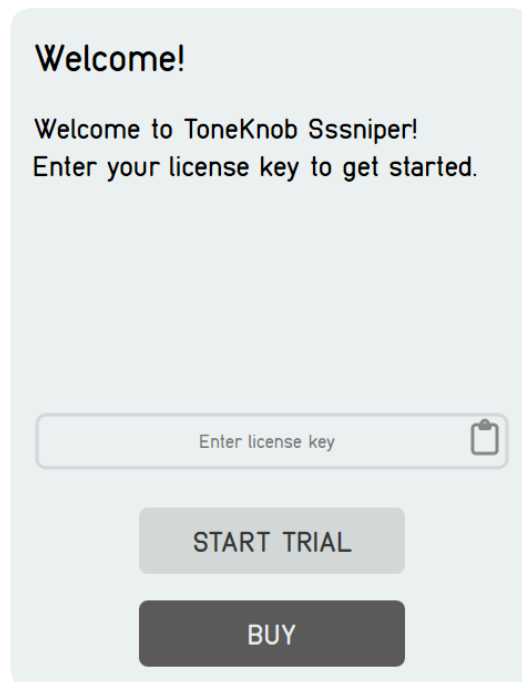
## Product activation

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Starting with version 1.0.0, you will automatically create an account via checkout if you are a first-time buyer. You can also sign in to your account anytime on our site [audified.com](https://audified.com) via the Account icon in the right corner to access your Account dashboard.

Upon completing the purchase, you will receive an automatic email containing your serial numbers and the download link for your purchased products.

When you first launch the plugin, you will be asked to enter the serial number, or you can use the product for a limited time as a trial.



## Software Uninstallation

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- **Windows:** Navigate to the ToneKnob Sssniper program folder in the Start menu and run the uninstaller.
- **Mac:** Open the provided disk image and run the uninstaller.

## Opening the plug-in

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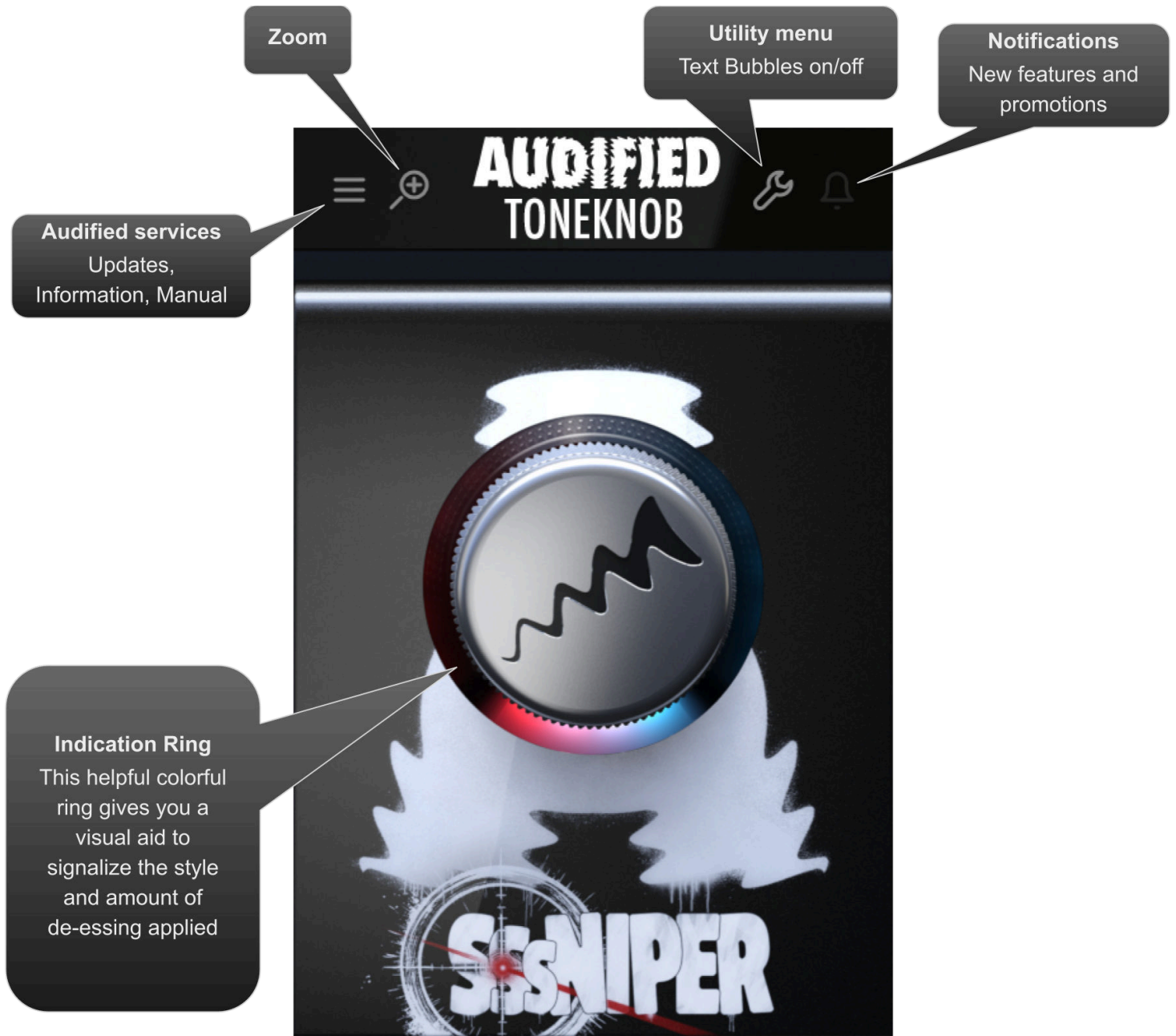
AUDIFIED ToneKnob Sssniper works in all major digital audio workstations (recording applications) as a plug-in.

To open the plug-in, locate the plug-in selection (usually a hierarchic menu). ToneKnob Sssniper is listed in the Dynamics group or in the AUDIFIED group when the manufacturer sorting is offered.

# Working with ToneKnob Sssniper

## Control overview

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## Services menu

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A click to the burger menu opens the Services menu. Services menu allows access to:

- user manual,
- product updates,
- feedback form on the Audified web,
- support,
- Audified website,
- product version and other info,
- license information.

## Utility menu

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Clicking the wrench symbol opens the utility menu. You can easily copy the state of one plugin instance to the other instance using Copy and Paste functionality.

## Indication Ring

ToneKnob Sssniper doesn't rely on meters or numbers. As a visual aid, the light ring around the knob indicates the applied de-essing approach. Unlike the rest of the ToneKnob series — where everything works in a predictable left-to-right fashion (from subtle to strong) — Sssniper works a little differently. Its default starting point is smack in the middle — 50% on the knob. Even here, with the effect just turned on, it already starts working gently, giving you smooth, natural de-essing.

## Dialing in Sssniper

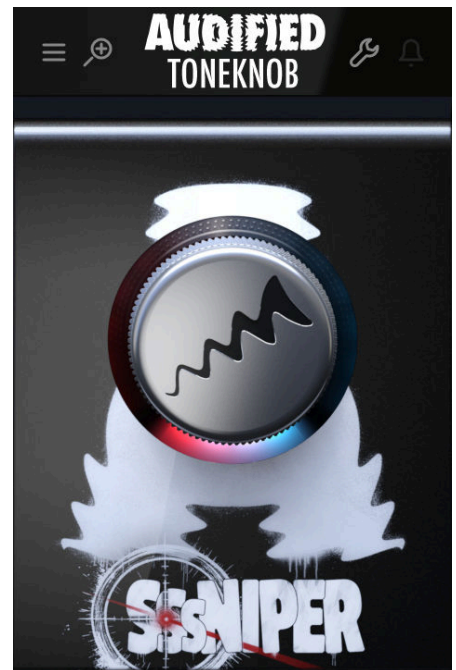
### Red ring on the left:

This side is tuned for female vocals — sharper sibilance, usually in higher frequencies. Sssniper targets the S-sounds in your audio, and the more you turn the knob to the left, the stronger the reduction.

### Blue ring on the right:

This side is tuned for male vocals — deeper voices with a different sibilant profile. Turn the knob to the right to increase reduction.

\*The brightness of the ring also reflects how much sibilance is being reduced — the more it lights up, the more aggressively those S-sounds are being trimmed.



# Technical info

## Specification

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- AAX, AU, VST3,
- macOS, Windows plug-ins.

## Requirements

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- macOS 10.13 and newer (64bit format delivered),
- Windows 7 and newer (64bit format delivered),
- 100 MB of disk space required.

## Conclusion

We are confident that you can now work with ToneKnob Sssniper. However, if anything seems unclear or you need assistance, feel free to contact us.

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**Thanks for using AUDIFIED products.**