

# **VCube Release Notes**



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# **VCUBE 6.1 Release Notes**

VCube v6.1 is supported on Windows 7-64bit.

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## New to VCube 6.1

- MXF SMPTE 377-1-2009 Compliant
- MXF Compliance with technical guidelines:
  - ARD\_ZDF\_HDF01a ARD\_ZDF\_HDF01b

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  - ARD\_ZDF\_HDF02b
- VCube mismatch different MXF files
- Fixed poor performance with single PNG files
- 4K Prores playback performance improvement

## **Bug Fixed VCube 6.1.4 HotFix:**

Version in sync with Pyramix v10.1.4 HotFix

## **Bug Fixed VCube 6.1.3 HotFix:**

GAIA-792: Fixed. Improved MXF performance

## **Bug Fixed VCube 6.1:**

- GAIA-1113: Fixed. VCube playback can randomly hang
- GAIA-1106: Fixed. VCube stop working without crashing after a long playback with plugin enabled
- GAIA-994: Fixed. MXF ARD ZDF Baton Compliant
- GAIA-884: Fixed. VCube & PMX can mismatch and confuse MXF files
- GAIA-956: Fixed. Playing single PNG file with transparency cause video-drops.
- GAIA-335: Fixed, NTSC Timecode Computation Broken
- Improvements: 4K Prores playback performance improvement





## **VCUBE 6.0 Release Notes**

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## **NEW FEATURE:**

- Black Magic delay compensation for video projector
   Warning: Playback Buffer Size should be at least 12 frames for fluid playback
- Improved audio routing when recording or rendering (MT6289)
  - o User can freely select the number of channels
  - o Up to 32 channels can be processed.

## **IMPROVEMENTS:**

- Overall Faster render performance (MT4708)
- Greatly improved PRORES render performance
   Note: Consumes a lot of CPU if no more than 4 cores
- Import FCP XML into current project supported (Applies to Final Cut Pro v7)
- Support for .mp4 files render & wrap.
  - In mp4/mov files
  - o The mp4 Audio format in render and wrap is AAC 16bit
  - Render video is limited to H264 and will requires the new "H264 Encoder" Key (Option VSO-H264-ENC on Merging Price list)
- 4K playback and render support. 4k render available with H264 encoder (recommended system configuration will shortly be announced)
- MXF ARD ZDF Compliant at 1080i
- New added profile choices to Render

# **Product Change**

- Wrap Audio Processing: Junger, Dolby and FinalCheck are no longer supported as of VCube v6.0
- Mykerinos no longer supported
- 32bit OS no longer supported
- Media Convert Tool is no longer supported (please use render instead)
- HASP dongle is no longer supported under 64bit OS, a SafeNet dongle is required. Contact your local dealer
- MXFix no longer supported
- Video resize Quality "Super" has been removed from options





## **Bug Fixed VCube 6.0.7 HotFix:**

- GAIA-863: Fixed. VCube Blackmagic 2k DCI no playback: 2k DCI video mode was not present in parameter mapping
- GAIA-822: Fixed. VCube AVI MJPG record compression message
- GAIA-882: Fixed. MJPEG not available for mov in render\record menu

## **Bug Fixed VCube 6.0.6:**

- SUP-10: Fixed, MXF XDCAMHD NTSC audio click
- GAIA-495: Fixed. MXF file with 436M datas can't be decoded
- GAIA-462: Fixed. VCube not always displayed in Windows taskbar
- GAIA-403: Fixed. VCube record MOV DVCPRO HD not working
- GAIA-405: Fixed. VCube can't record in MPG containers
- GAIA-384: Fixed. CLONE ADR Countdown type can make VCube crash
- GAIA-408: Fixed. VCube: MP4 files with MP4V codec cannot be wrapped
- GAIA-415: Fixed. VCube: Added new MOV H264 and MP4 profiles
- GAIA-416: Fixed. VCube some Countdown and Wipes types not working
- GAIA-426: Fixed. Mpeg Codec settings should only be available for .mpg format
- GAIA-407: Fixed. VCube MP4 Render Video settings do not always set properly
- GAIA-406: Fixed. VCube Wrap MOV DVCPROHD 720 not working
- GAIA-409: Fixed. VCube Import Still images not working with H264 and MP4 (not available in the import format)
- GAIA-402: Fixed. Record in MP4 format makes VCube crash

#### -----Betas-----

- GAIA-409: Fixed. VCube Import Still images not working with H264 and MP4
- GAIA-374: Fixed. VCube: Wrap audio file makes Vcube crash
- GAIA-356: Fixed. VCube: Transparency Layer bug
- GAIA-351: Fixed. VCube: Import Still images Cancel not working during parsing
- GAIA-349: Fixed. VCube: Sync Status window display scrambled
- GAIA-343: Fixed. VCube: resize Quality "Super" has been removed from options
- GAIA-334: Fixed. VCube: Fix MPEG\MP4 Audio decoding
- GAIA-346: Fixed. VCube: Render DV50 in mov is not correctly read by Quicktime
- GAIA-353: Fixed. Cannot read OP-Atom AVCIntra
- GAIA-315: Fixed. VCube Crash with some Chinese characters .mpg files.
- GAIA-280: Fixed. VCube: Quick SD/HD Settings to affect Framerate and Aspect Ratio only
- MT6525: Fixed. missing SMPTE TC metadata in exported IMX, AVCINTRA media produced by render
- MT6417: Fixed. VCube: remove VT option under " User interface > System "
- MT6370: Fixed. VCube: unused clips consumes a lot of memory (esp mov)
- MT6367: Fixed. VCube: Unsupported audio sample rates crash the application (in case of not supported sampling rates Audio will not be loaded in VCube)
- MT6053: Fixed. MOV VCube doesn't support more than 8 audio interleaved channels
- MT6417: Fixed. VCube: remove VT option
- MT6355: Fixed. .cube files from all version can now be correctly read and rendered.
- MT6356: Fixed. VCube may crash on corrupted video data. Now produces light blue frames.
- MT6351: Fixed. XDCAM HD RENDER video quality
- MT6304: Fixed. VCube: Image sequences with spaces in file name not correctly imported
- MT6078: Fixed. VCube media file browser is slow on network mapped drives
- MT6301: Fixed. Video Card delay compensation not working for BMD card
- MT6326: Fixed. VCube MXF: incorrect resolution in wrapped IMX D10
- MT6357: Fixed. Unknown Crash importing mp4
- MT6347: Fixed. PMX Mixdown Place in VCube removes VCube video track
- MT6382: Fixed. allow\fix H264 Wrap (only) in mov
- MT6204: Fixed. VCube: Image sequences with spaces in file name not correctly imported
- MT5894: Fixed. Import FCP-7 XML into current project





## **Known Issues:**

Blackmagic design Video Cards Support Configuration:

As of VCube 5.1, Merging now supports Blackmagic design Video Cards thru the DeckLink SDK. This covers DeckLink, UltraStudio and Intensity product lines. **TBD**: **Only Decklink Studio 4K** has been validated so far. If no more validation is done, it's the only board that will be supported.

Blackmagic design installer recommended versions are 10.3.7, 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6 (Known issue is that the Settings panel must be opened under Windows)

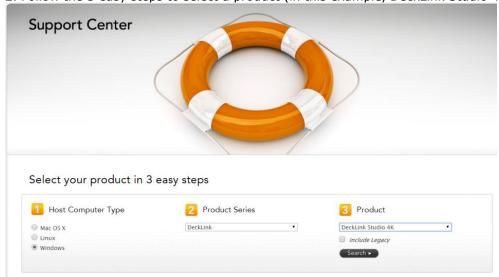
#### Limitations: (Limitation does not apply to V6)

Most Blackmagic design cards support 4K video format. This hardware will work properly, but not with video size bigger than 1080x1920.

#### Installation/Setup:

1. Go to <a href="http://www.blackmagicdesign.com/support">http://www.blackmagicdesign.com/support</a>

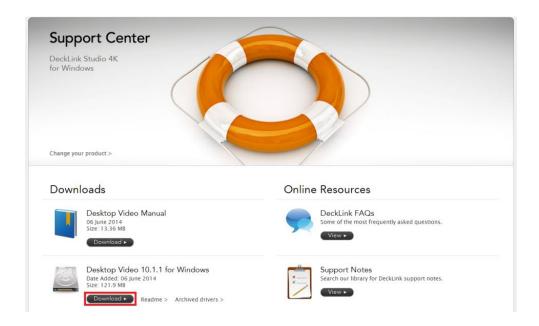
2. Follow the 3 easy steps to select a product (in this example, DeckLink Studio 4K on Windows)



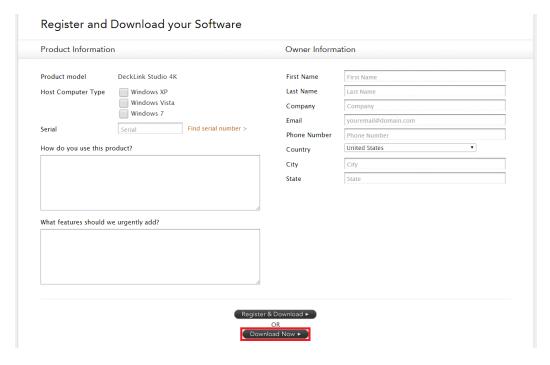
3. Download the Desktop Video package.







4. Register and Download your Software: <u>Note:</u> you don't have to register to download the Desktop Video package. Just press "**Download now"** to get the package download started.



- 5. Once downloaded, un-zip the package.
- 6. Run the DesktopVideo\_x.x.x.msi installer and follow the specific instructions.
- 7. Restart your system once the installation is completed.

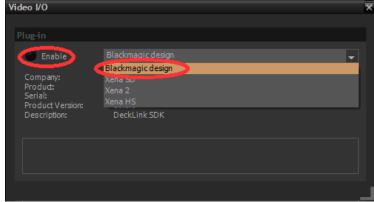




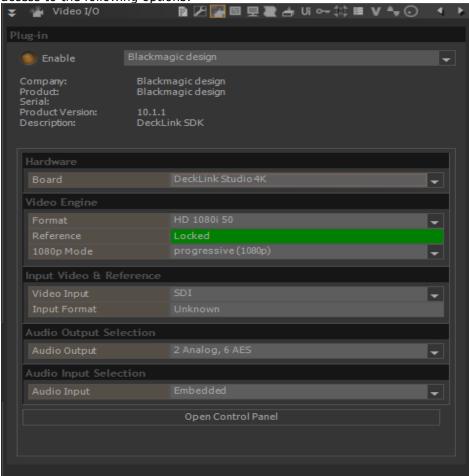
#### **Behavior description**

### Enable Blackmagic design video I/O in VCube.

- 1. Start VCube.
- 2. Prompt the Video I/O setting tab (SHIFT-ALT-P).
- 4. From the drop down menu select "Blackmagic design" and enable the card



The Video I/O Plug-in tab gets populated. Depending on options and card properties, you'll get access to the following options:







#### **Hardware**

If several Blackmagic design cards are installed, you can select the one you control from the Board dropdown.

#### **Video Engine**

Format: Choose video format / resolution. HD formats will require the proper keys.

Reference: Indicator of the video reference. Note: Some cards might not support this

1080p mode: Segmented frame mode; Progressive or segmented (for VTR supporting Interleave).

Note: We recommend users to use the VCube quick SD (ALT+F5) and quick HD settings (ALT+F6) in order to automatically configure the format and 1080p mode.

#### **Input Video & Reference**

Video Input: Only valid for some Blackmagic cards supporting input. Note that this option is only available for VCube SE users. Allows users to select video input source (connector); Choices can vary from; SDI, HDMI, Component, Composite, S-Video

Input Format: Only available on some Blackmagic cards. Indicates the input video format. Only active when in record Mode.

#### **Audio Output Selection**

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#### **Open Control Panel:**

Will open the Blackmagic Design control panel





## <u>OTHER KNOWN ISSUES</u>

- -> AJA LHi or 2K GUI: "Audio Source" selection under construction
- -> Installer: upgrades can at time end up with a repair process or rolling back to the previously installed version. In such case Merging recommends that you un-install the current VCube version prior to installing VCube v5.0, instead of doing an upgrade.
- -> VCube Runtime C++ Error when playing video file Merging recommends that all VCube 5.0 configurations have at least 2GB of Ram (memory).
- -> Remote: The first time 9 pin remote and/or machine control is used, you have to confirm that you use e,g. COM3 in the 9pin settings.
- -> MT4478: Audio track numbers ignored by Dolby E decoder
  Dolby E decoder will only work on the first Audio track group (a1). (dolby not in V6)
  Workaround: Make sure the Audio Files are all in the same Audio Track Group. Add Audio Layers if you need more audio tracks (Ctrl + Shift + N)
- -> MT4463: Dolby E does not decode in 720p timeline (**dolby not in V6**) Due to FPS (x2) Dolby E signal cannot be decoded
- -> MT3468: VCube: Composition with too many MXF (MPEG-2 HD) clips may crash VCube due to memory load

Workaround: We recommend not to use more than 10 MXF containing MPEG2-HD/XDCAM-HD files simultaneously to avoid such a problem

- -> MT3266: VCube high memory consumption when searching media
- -> MT3530: VCube playback may flicker at very high speed (>60 fps)
- -> MT3533: VCube could crash if Audio Meters are detached at UI launch Workaround: Make sure Audio Meters are attached at launch
- ->MT3561: MT USB Sync Board with AJA not locking in CrossLock mode (e.g. 9pin Remote 24fps + composition 25fps )

Workarounds: Merging recommends the use of a Mykerinos & AJA in order to work in CrossLock Synchronization

