

Algorithms overview

Classic analog waveforms

Wave	Description	Timbre	Color
CSAW	CS-80 imperfect saw	Notch width	Notch polarity
/\ /_-	Variable waveshape	Waveshape	Distortion/filter
/ /_-	Classic sawtooth/square	Pulse width	Saw <-> square
SYNC	2 square VCOs with hardsync	VCO frequency ratio	VCO balance
FOLD	Sine/triangle into wavefolder	Wavefolder amount	Sine <-> triangle

Digital synthesis

. . .	2 detuned harmonic combs	Smoothness	Detune
/ / X3 - X3	Triple saw and triple square	Osc. 2 detune	Osc. 3 detune
RING	3 ring-modulated sine waves	2/1 frequency ratio	3/1 frequency ratio
/ / /	Swarm of 7 sawtooth waves	Detune	High-pass filter
/ / /	Comb filtered sawtooth	Delay time	Neg./pos. feedback
TOY+	Low-fi, circuit-bent sounds	Sample reduction	Bit toggling

ZLPF	Direct synthesis of low-pass filtered waveform	Cutoff frequency	Waveshape
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ZPKF, ZBPF, ZHPF are variants of ZLPF with peaking, band-pass, and high-pass filters

Vocal synthesis and formants

VOSM	Sawtooth with 2-formants	Formant 1 frequency	Formant 2 frequency
VOWL	Speaking-toy vowel synthesis	a, e, i, o, u	Gender
VFOF	Vowel synthesis	a, e, i, o, u	Gender
FM	2-operator FM	Modulation index	Frequency ratio
FBFM	2-operator FM with feedback	Modulation index	Frequency ratio
WTFM	Chaotic 2-operator FM	Modulation index	Frequency ratio

Physical simulations

BELL, DRUM	Bell and metallic drum simulations	Decay	Inharmonicity
PLUK	Plucked string	Decay	Plucking position
BOWD	Bowed string	Friction	Bowing position

BLOW FLUT	Reed and flute simulations	Air pressure	Instrument geometry
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Wavetables

WTBL	21 wavetables	Smooth wavetable position	Quantized wavetable selection
WMAP	16x16 waves	X position	Y position
WLM	Linear wavetable scanning	Wavetable position	Interpolation quality
WTX4	Quad wavetable synthesis	Wavetable position	Chord type

Noise

NOIS	Tuned noise (2-pole filter)	Filter resonance	Response, LP to HP
TWNG	Noise sent to 2 resonators	Resonance	Resonators frequency ratio
CLKN	Clocked digital noise	Cycle length	Quantization
CLOU	Sinusoidal granular synthesis	Grain density	Frequency dispersion
PRTC	Droplets granular synthesis	Grain density	Frequency dispersion
QPSK	Modem noises	Bit-rate	Modulated data



Mutable
Instruments



Braids

Macro oscillator

Installation

Braids requires a **-12V / +12V / +5V power supply** (2x8 pin connector). The ribbon cable connector must be aligned so that the red stripe of the ribbon cable (-12V) is on the same side of the module's power header as the "Red stripe" marking on the board.

The power consumption is as follows:
-12V: 15mA; +12V: 15mA; +5V: 85mA.

Online manual and help

The full manual can be found online at mutable-instruments.net/modules/braids/manual

For help and discussions, head to mutable-instruments.net/forum/

Calibration

Calibrating Braids is as easy as playing a C2 and a C4 note from an accurate **MIDI>CV** interface or **CV source**. Read more about this in the online manual!



Front panel

Controls

- A. Display and encoder** - when the module starts, they show and modify the oscillator model.
- B. C.** Fine and coarse **frequency controls**.
- D. FM** attenuverter. Adjusts the amount and polarity of frequency modulation from the FM input.
- E. F. Timbre control**, and **timbre modulation attenuverter**. Principal dimension of sound motion and waveshaping.
- G. Color**. Secondary dimension of waveshaping. The function of Timbre and Color depends on the oscillator type. Refer to the table on the other side!

Inputs and Outputs

- 1. Trigger input**. Resets the oscillator phase. For the physical modeling algorithms this input needs to be triggered to "excite" the oscillator (or it won't produce any sound).
- 2. V/Oct**. Main frequency control input, with V/Oct scale.
- 3. 4. 5.** Frequency, timbre, and color modulation CV inputs.
- 6.** Audio output.

Settings

Click the encoder to display a list of settings. Scroll through the settings and click to modify one of them. Once the value has been modified, click to confirm and get back to the menu. Selecting the first option (*WAVE*) saves all the current settings in memory and brings you back to the module's initial state (oscillator model selection).

An overview of the available settings:

BITS / RATE is the bit-depth and sample rate of the audio output, for digital grit and crunchiness!

QNTZ applies a semitone or quartertone quantization to the V/Oct input.

FLAT/DRFT/SIGN create various VCO-like instabilities.

TRIG allows a simple AD envelope (6 preset shapes) to shape the sound whenever a trigger is received on the TRIG input.