

About Craig Anderton's Signature Series Hex Patches for Gibson's Dark Fire Guitar

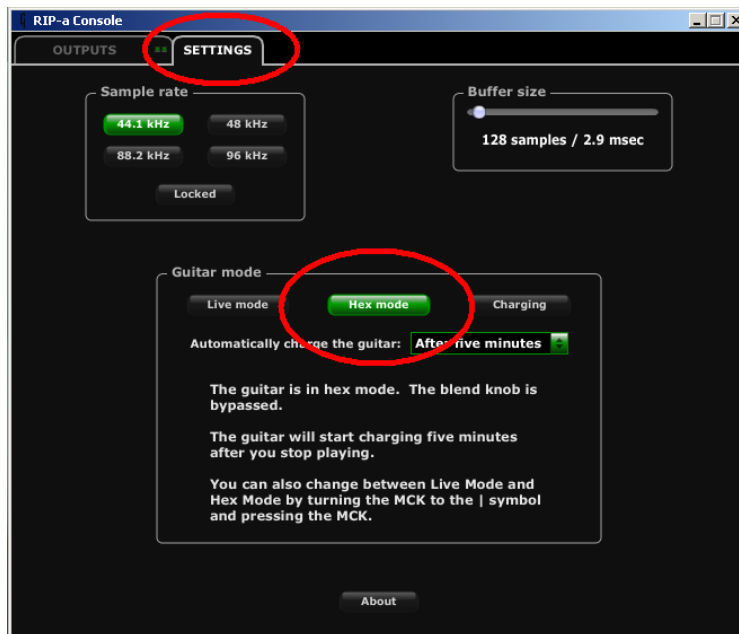
This collection of Signature Series Hex patches is designed specifically for Dark Fire's Hex capabilities, where each string can generate its own output.

These patches require the use of the RIP interface hooked up to a computer, and are intended for rhythm guitar parts, which is where Hex technology excels. However, some of them also work well for leads—experiment!

Step 1: Set Dark Fire and the RIP to Hex Mode

Before playing these patches, make sure Dark Fire is in Hex mode. To do this:

1. Open up the RIP console.
2. Click on the **Settings** tab.
3. Turn on Dark Fire by pulling up on the MCK, and strum so that the guitar is in tune.
4. On the Console settings page, click on the **Hex Mode** button. You may need to click on it more than once for this setting to “stick.” If Dark Fire does not go into Hex mode via this method, rotate the MCK to the | symbol and press momentarily on the MCK's Display Matrix. If the settings page does not show Hex Mode, press the MCK momentarily again.



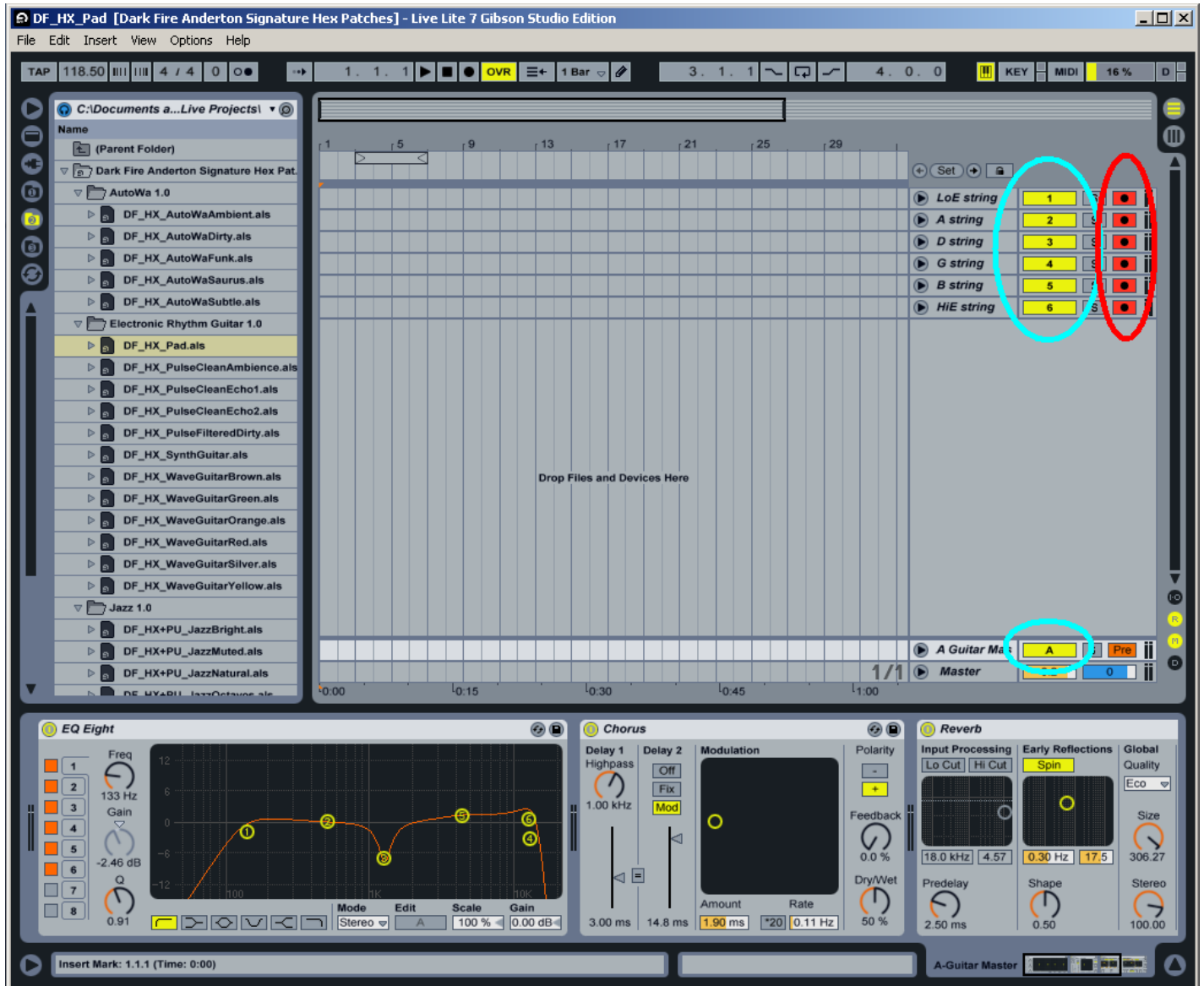
If Dark Fire does not go into Hex Mode, check the following:

- Dark Fire's battery is charged.
- Dark Fire connects to the RIP through a TRS (stereo) cable.
- The MCK is pulled out.

Step 2: Open Ableton Live Lite 7 Gibson Studio Edition

The patches consist of Ableton Live Set files, which have a .ALS suffix. Double-clicking on any of these files should open up Ableton Live Lite 7 to a view similar to the one shown below. If you need additional information on using Ableton Live, such as how to interface with the RIP, please refer to the Quick Start manuals at:

<http://www2.gibson.com/Products/Electric-Guitars/Les-Paul/Gibson-USA/DarkFire/Software.aspx>



To hear all available strings, they all must have their Track Activator buttons on (i.e., the boxes with the track number should be yellow; see the buttons circled in blue) and be in Record mode (see the buttons circled in red). To put multiple tracks into record mode, ctrl-click on the Record buttons.

Enjoy the patches!