

FE-8 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does the FE-8 add any additional audio inputs or outputs to the FW-1884?

A: No, it adds 8 channels of mixing control to the DAW software.

Q: How does it connect to the FW-1884?

A: Both the FW-1884 and FE-8 each have a pair of FireWire ports on their rear panels. Connect the FW-1884 to the computer, then connect the FE-8 to the FW-1884 using the supplied FireWire cables.

Q: Is the FE-8 powered by the FireWire connection?

A: No, it needs more power than the FireWire connection can provide for the moving faders. Each FE-8 needs to be plugged in.

Q: How does the FE-8 show up in the software?

A: It depends on the software. In most cases, it shows up as an additional fader control surface in the DAW. For example, if you had an FW-1884 and two FE-8s, they would all show up individually in your DAW setup. You would have to tell the software how you have them arranged, so it knows which one is controlling faders 1-8, 9-16 and 17-24. Once this is done, the configuration is remembered since each FE-8 has its own FireWire ID.

Q: Is it available for all operating systems?

A: Yes, a new FW-1884 driver will be available for Mac OS 9, Mac OS X, Windows 2000 and Windows XP to support the FE-8.

Q: Do HUI and Mackie Control modes work with the FE-8?

A: Yes, these modes are supported.

Q: What's new in the FW-1884 driver? Are there any new features to work with the FE-8?

A: Yes, there's a new tab in the control panel that allows the user to identify, name and order the FE-8s in their system. First, click on the FE-8 in the list to light the LEDs on its front panel, so you can tell which unit you're controlling. Then drag it up and down in the list to put it in the correct order. Finally, name it "FE-8-Left" so you'll be able to find it easily in your DAW setup screen.

Q: Does it all feel like one solid piece when it's all put together?

A: Yes. The endcaps on the FW-1884 unscrew and the FE-8 sits next to it. A custom-designed bracket keeps the devices connected together, then the endcaps connect to the side(s) of the FE-8.

