

B3 v1.2 Firmware Update Guide

For Windows

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1. Introduction

Thank you for downloading the following software to update your B3.

“Zoom B3 System v1.2 Updater”

This document explains the B3 firmware updating process.

CAUTION After updating the firmware and connecting the unit to a PC as an audio interface, you might not be able to hear sound from the PC. In this case, install the G-Series ASIO Driver version 2.0.0 or newer.

Check the ZOOM website (<http://www.zoom.co.jp/>) to download the G-Series ASIO Driver.

2. Supported operating systems

Windows® XP SP3 later (32bit)

Windows Vista® SP1 later (32bit, 64bit)

Windows® 7(32bit, 64bit)

Windows® 8(32bit, 64bit)

Windows® 8.1(32bit, 64bit)

CAUTION Log in to your PC using an account with administrator privileges.
Before launching this application, close all other running applications.

3. Checking the B3 firmware version

Check the firmware version of your B3. Refer to page 21 of the B3 operation manual. If the SYSTEM version is already 1.2 or later, you do not need to use this application to update the firmware.

4. Installing the standard Windows driver on the PC

With the B3 POWER switch set to OFF, connect it with the PC using a USB cable. If Edit&Share or the ZOOM G series ASIO Driver is not installed or a different USB port was used when the driver was installed previously, a “Driver Software Installation” window appears. The standard driver will be installed after a short time.

NOTE Installation of the ASIO Driver is not necessary for the firmware update, so if the ZOOM G Series ASIO Driver installer launches, click Cancel to stop installation.

5. Updating the firmware

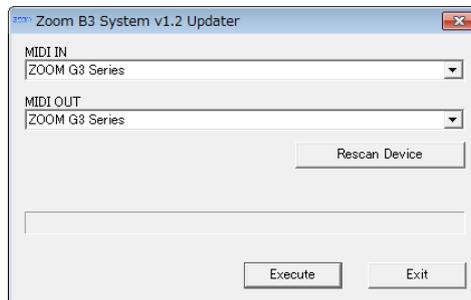
Follow these procedures to update the firmware.

1. Before updating the firmware, disconnect all MIDI and audio devices connected by USB to the PC that you are using. You should also quit all applications running on the PC.
2. Set the B3 POWER switch to OFF. Then, while pressing and holding both PATCH SELECT keys (▼ and ▲), connect the B3 with the PC using a USB cable. This prepares the B3 to receive a firmware update. The B3 displays the following message, showing that it is ready for a firmware update.



CAUTION If Edit&Share is launched when the B3 is connected to the PC, the firmware update will not occur correctly, so quit Edit&Share if it is launched.

3. Update the SYSTEM firmware. Double-click the “Zoom B3 System v1.2 Updater.exe” included in the download to launch the firmware updater application. After launching, a window that looks like this appears.



CAUTION If you are using Windows 8, when a “Windows protected your PC” message appears, click “More info” and then click “Run Anyway”.

4. Confirm that “ZOOM G3 Series” appears in both the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT fields. If it does not, click the fields and select “ZOOM G3 Series” from the lists of MIDI devices.

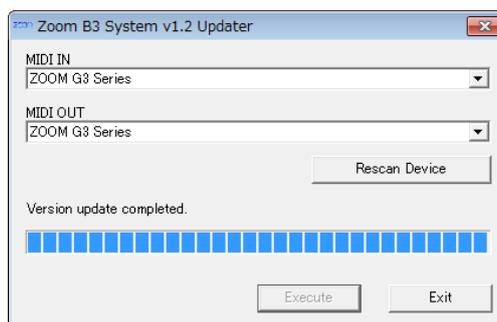
NOTE If using Windows XP, “USB Audio Device” should appear in the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT fields instead of “ZOOM G3 Series”.

5. Click the “Execute” button to update the firmware.

While updating, a progress bar shows the status. While updating, the VERSION UPDATE screen also appears on the display of the B3.

CAUTION Do not disconnect the USB cable during the firmware update!

6. When the firmware update completes, a message like this appears.



Click Exit to quit the firmware updater application. Disconnect the USB cable when “Complete!” appears on the B3 display.

CAUTION If updating the firmware fails, conduct the firmware update again using a USB 2.0 port.

This completes the firmware update.