

Manufacture	Total points	Stars	Dante firmware on manufacture website?	Points 1-5	Dante firmware update described in the product manual?	Pionts 1-5	Is the mentioned procedure doable	Pionts 1-10	Product available in Dante controller library?
Studio Technologies	20,00	★★★★★	Yes all the Dante firmware is available and well presented.	5	In the manual the different software components (machine and Dante) is clearly explained.	5	Yes, for the Dante cards they refer to Dante Controller as the tools and provide the firmware on their website but also within Dante Controller Library	10	Yes all their product are fully integrated in Dante Controller and library and can even automatically updated by Dante controller. It's the only brand in our test lab that shows up in the Dante Controller maintained list of "up to date devices" next to the Audinate hardware.
Allen & Heath	19,00	★★★★★	Yes for their insert cards the firmware is on the website including an instruction. For the DT168 I/O unit with buildin Dante interface there is no clear instruction for the Dante firmware update.	5	In the main product manual the need to update the Dante plugin board is not mentioned. For the Dante plugin board is a separate update instruction online (if you are thinking about it).	4	Yes.	10	Yes, but different firmware versions are in the Library for the same card type. From 2018 and 2023. Both have the same product name. So it is unclear which one to choose.
Tascam	18,00	★★★★★	Yes there is a firmware (from 2020) on the website with a partly outdated instruction and wrong info regarding the version number in the manual.	5	In the product manual there is nothing mentioned about the firmware update from Dante. For the Dante plugin board is a separate update instruction online (if you are thinking about it).	4	Yes, But the firmware update manager is nolonger supported. But also the current procedure is mentioned.	9	Not under the name Tascam but under the mothercompany name TEAC Corp you can find some firmware. But for their flagship ML32 and ML16 there are dated 2018 (6 years old) and does not contain the latest versions.
RME	15,00	★★★★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	For the M-32 AD/DA series, the RME firmware update for the unit itself also contains the Dante part. There is no separate Audinate board in this unit. But this is not mentioned in the manual. I found out after submitting a support ticket. Digiface Dante, Yes there is one paragraph mentioning that the Dante Brooklyn module also needs firmware.	4	Yes. The Digiface Dante manual refers to Dante controller library and that works. The manual for the M-32 does not mention Dante at all and that's a little bit confusing.	10	The Digiface Dante interface is in the Library. The M32 series is not in the library because there is no special Dante firmware for this product.
Lynx	10,00	★★★★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	In the Aurora manual there is a procedure described but this procedure is outdated In the Hilo manual there is the same outdated procedure described. For the Hilo2 there is no manual available yet.	5	No. The manuals of their products refer to the Audinate firmware update manager software that is nolonger (for some years) supported. The user have to start diggin by themselves.	4	Yes with firmware version 4.2.3.13 from 2021 in the library
Focusrite	11,00	★★★★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	Checked for RedNet products. In all manuals the firmware update is a general quote referring to their REDNET Control application that should update automatically.	4	No, it is not clear if the latest Audinate firmware is installed. In the REDNET Control application there is a option to manually update the firmware. But you don't have a file available from Focusrite. The hardware should be automatically update through their REDNET Control app. This could not be verified. Checking their release notes of the REDNET Control app version it shows for our AM2 unit a different Dante firmware version (4.1.6.5) than is actually on the machine (4.2.6.5).	6	No, Focusrite is in the category "check website manufacture".
Ferrofis	10,00	★★★★	No Dante firmware found on the website for their current A32pro and Pulse products. There is an old file for the Verto product	3	Yes, there is a separate manual for firmware updates that also include the Dante part.	5	No. The manual refers to Dante Controller for the firmware files. But Dante controller/library does not have the files for the A32pro or Pulse and refers back to the website of the manufacture. On the website are currently no firmware files. So a dead loop.	2	Only for the discontinued A32 hardware there is a file from 2019 in the library. For their current A31-pro there is no information and DC refers back to Ferrofish.
Yamaha	7,00	★★★	No Dante firmware found on the website. Checked for the DM3 and RUio16-D products. But there is a Dante file added in the zip file that you download when you perform a product firmware update.	3	No, just a general quote that a firmware update is possible and you should check Yamaha website. In the ZIP file of a product firmware update there is a PDF document and in this document there is a link to an other document called "Dante firmware update guide". There you go. This document is not shown in the normal download area of the website and tells you how to update the Dante firmware.	2	No, the necessary information is hidden down deep in the web of documents. Not user friendly. Playing hard to get here.	2	Firmware for Yamaha products is not in the Dante Library.
Trinnov	3,00	★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	In the manual of the Trinnov Nova there is no (Dante) firmware update mentioned at all.	1	No. There is no update procedure mentioned for the Dante module.	1	Firmware for Trinnov not available in the Dante library
ESI	3,00	★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	In the manual of the Planet 22c there is no Dante mentioned at all.	1	No	1	Firmware not available in the library
Apogee	3,00	★	No Dante firmware found on the website	1	In the manual of the Symphony Mk II there is no Dante mentioned at all. The manual is from april 2017!	1	No	1	Firmware not available in the library
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