

AVF_FilmGrade-V1

Installation & Setup Guide

A film-inspired DCTL color tool for DaVinci Resolve Studio.

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What's included & requirements

Everything you need to install and use the full version of AVF_FilmGrade-V1.

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AVF_FilmGrade-V1 DCTL

The full licensed color tool for use in a DaVinci Resolve Studio grade.

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Commercial-use license

Use the tool in personal projects and paid client work. The DCTL itself may not be redistributed or resold.

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This installation guide

Keep this PDF for setup, workflow guidance, and practical troubleshooting.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

DaVinci Resolve Studio

AVF_FilmGrade-V1 requires the Studio version of DaVinci Resolve on macOS or Windows.

Important: the free version of DaVinci Resolve does not load this DCTL. Install the full version only in DaVinci Resolve Studio.

Find your LUT folder

The safest approach is to let DaVinci Resolve Studio open the correct folder for you.

01 Open Project Settings

Launch DaVinci Resolve Studio and click the gear icon in the lower-right corner.

02 Choose Color Management

In the left sidebar, select **Color Management**.

03 Open the LUT folder

Find the **Lookup Tables** section and choose **Open LUT Folder**. Resolve will open the correct location for your computer.

Why use this route? Manual LUT paths can vary by Resolve version and operating system. Opening the folder directly from Resolve prevents installation in the wrong location.

Install the DCTL

Once Resolve has opened the LUT folder, complete these four steps.

01 Unzip your download

If your purchase is delivered as a ZIP file, unzip it first. Keep the included DCTL file unchanged.

02 Copy the DCTL

Copy the included **.dctl** file into the folder Resolve opened. You can create an “AVF FilmGrade” subfolder to keep your tools organized.

03 Restart Resolve

Fully quit DaVinci Resolve Studio and open it again. Restarting ensures the new DCTL is indexed.

04 Confirm the installation

On the Color page, add a DCTL effect to a serial node. The installed file should be available in the DCTL selector.

Apply the DCTL

Use AVF_FilmGrade-V1 as a dedicated creative node after your technical correction.

01 Balance your footage first

Set exposure and white balance, and use a Color Space Transform or color-managed workflow where needed.

02 Add a serial node

On the Color page, add a new serial node for the creative look.

03 Add the DCTL effect

Open **Effects Library** → **OpenFX** → **DCTL**, then drag DCTL onto the new node.

04 Select AVF_FilmGrade-V1

In the Inspector, choose the installed AVF_FilmGrade-V1 DCTL file and adjust its controls for the shot.

05 Finish the grade

Keep grain, sharpening, vignette, output transforms, and other finishing work in nodes after the look.

Recommended order: Balance / CST → AVF_FilmGrade-V1 → Grain and finishing → Output transform.

Quick fixes

The DCTL is not in the list.

Confirm you are using DaVinci Resolve Studio, that the file is in the folder opened by Resolve, and that Resolve was fully restarted after copying it.

I copied it into a folder but it still does not appear.

Move the file one level higher into the LUT folder, then restart Resolve. Avoid placing it inside multiple nested folders.

The image looks too strong or unexpected.

Start with corrected exposure and white balance. Place AVF_FilmGrade-V1 after any input color-space transform, then tailor its controls to the shot.

It works on one computer but not another.

DCTLs are installed locally. Copy the file into the LUT folder and restart Resolve on each computer where you want to use it.

I am using the free version of Resolve.

AVF_FilmGrade-V1 requires DaVinci Resolve Studio. Install or upgrade to Studio, then repeat the installation steps.

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Need help?

Website avfilmmakerr.in

Instagram [@av_filmmakerr](https://www.instagram.com/av_filmmakerr)

When contacting support, include your operating system, DaVinci Resolve Studio version, and a screenshot of the LUT folder or DCTL controls so the issue can be diagnosed quickly.

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