
Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4LE?

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/22 05:48

Hi folks,

My 1st post here. Complete newbie to Pro Tools/home recording. I have just completed my home set up... primraily for recrding accoustics drums.

Set up as follows:

iMac 2Ghz Intel Core 2 Duo, 2Gb RMA / leopard

Digidesign 003 rack

Behringer ADA 8000 Ultrgain 8 channel A/D and D/A converter

Behringer B-Control Fader BCF2000-WH

I was sold the BCF2000 as a control surface that works with 7.4. I've done lots of web trawling, but can't seem to get it working.

I've set set the BCF to "baby HUI" mode per user manual. No problems there. I can "see" the BCF via midi connection through PT. The BCF faders work (briefly) but every 30 secs or so I get an error saying "HUI not recognised". It's driving me mad.

The Behringer site says I need to ensure the latest firmware is installed, but their documentation is so bad I can't even figure out how to check my current firmware (let alone how to upgrade).

Can somebody please help?... bearing in mind I am a complete novice to this stuff!

Many thanks

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4LE?

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/22 09:17

hey Yoda, I too have a BCF2000 and it works great with Pro Tools. I bought mine on ebay and it came pre-installed with the HUI emulation that works, but I did a lot of research into how to get the boy going.

You probably need to update the firmware on the unit. That can be found here:

http://www.behringer.com/05_support/bc_download/bc_downloads.cfm?lang=ENG

Its version 1.7 and its in the browny box on the page.

To install it you need a midi dump tool like sysex librarian:

<http://www.snoize.com/SysExLibrarian/>

Then load this up and follow these instructions:

- Open the firmware file.
- Choose "Port 1" (the first BCF2000 port) from the Destination popup menu in the toolbar.
- Select the "bcf2000" file in the SysEx file list.
- Click the Play button in the toolbar (upper left).

This will then install the new firmware on your BCF.

Then open Apples MIDI utility on your mac (spotlight it or find it in the utilities folder). Make sure its seeing the unit as a midi in/out and set it if it isn't.

Then set it to BHUI emulation mode and load Pro Tools. Then go to setup>periphals>controllers and set the midi in/out to BCF2000 and the controller to Mackie Baby HUI.

Hopefully that'll do it.

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4LE?

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/22 10:05

noiseboy55

Thanks - that's a comprehensive response. I picked up some of this during my web trawls yesterday, but missed out on the Apple MIDI utility. I'll check this when I get home - thanks for the response.

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4LE?

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/23 03:25

Hi noiseboy55...

I made progress thanks to your instructions yesterday... with the updated firmware, PT now recognises the BCF. I can control PT functions for 30-60 secs, but then I get an error message saying the "Pro Tools cannot communicate with HUI. HUI is not connected/recognised. Check HUI connects & power cycle HUI again" I have to acknowledge this error before I can continue to use PT.

Not sure if this significant, but the Mac doesn't appear to "see" the BCF/external midi device when I go through systems preferences on OSX... maybe I'm looking in the wrong place (system preferences>sounds)

Any ideas where to go from here?

Thanks

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4LE?

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/23 03:50

I should also add that I'm usually a PC/Windows person in my day job. I've only had the Mac a few weeks, so OSX is completely new to me!

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/23 05:07

go to applications>utilities>audio midi set up and set up your controller here.

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/26 03:43

Hi there... I can now see the controller in OS X, so no probs there.

However when I go back into PT to select controller, I don't have a "baby mackie HUI" option - only "HUI" (plus some others). I do have the unit itself set to bhui emulation, so not sure what's the problem here... any ideas? Thanks

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/26 06:21

it should work as a HUI. i think i told you to install version 1.7 of the software for the BCF, but then realised mine is 1.10 if you haven't installed that one i'd try it. Same page:

http://www.behringer.com/05_support/bc_download/bc_downloads.cfm

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/26 15:12

Thanks... I loaded 1.10, but still get the same error message. It's as if Pro Tools doesn't recognise baby HUI (I'm on 7.4... was this emulation removed from this version of Pro Tools?)

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/27 06:43

I'm on 7.4 and it works fine with that firmware..... you definately got the midi controller set in and out on bcf2000 under peripherals? Maybe theres another update that might fix it - I'll do some research. What version of OSX you running?

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/27 07:44

Yip... def set to BCF in peripherals... the problem is that I don't have the "baby hui/mackie" option as emulation in PT... only HUI.

Which PT emulation do you use?

When I get home from work this evening, I'll check the OSX version.. I think it's 10.5.2?... I only have the imac about 6 weeks

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/27 08:48

I'm pretty sure mines set to HUI - I'll check later. I'm only running 10.4.9 as thats what Digi has confirmed Pro Tools works with, so not sure if Leopard would have anything to do with your problem. but still its seeing it, but the connections just dropping off so it must be something to do with it talking to your mac. How have you got the BCF connected? By USB? Try a different port/cable see what that does.

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/27 09:03

Hmmm... I was thinking there may be something in Leopard that's causing the problem.

The BCF is connected by USB directly to one of the Mac's USB ports (i.e. not via a USB hub). I'll try a different cable/port combination too.

Thanks for the tips!

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/27 18:27

Sorted!... PT 7.4 definately doesn't appear to have a baby mackie hui driver.

I played around with PT... in peripherals, I changed the synchronisation tab to BCF and hey presto! Works perfectly.

Thanks for your help on this

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/28 06:31

Nice one! Thought it sounded like a talking issue between Pro Tools and the BCF! Enjoy it, its a bit noisy but will speed up your work flow no end. It has troubles keeping up in touch mode so I always use latch, but it does just what I need it to. The two buttons underneath the pan represent solo and mute, and the keys bottom right of the unit are your transport controls. i put some stickers on there so I know whats what.

Glad you got it sorted.

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/28 06:53

Will do... even using it for a couple of hours last night I could see that it was (in the end) a good investment. I've figured out how to use the faders, transport, mute/solo and shift to the next bank of faders.

From what I've read, it won't control the plug-ins, but that's to be expected for £120. I might invest in one of those mouse controls with toggles/jog wheel (\$100 from the US) and I'll have control for everything for less than £200. Certainly seems good value relative to a Command 8 or Mackie.

Now I just need to figure out how to get a great sound for recording my accoustic drums.

It never ends...

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/28 07:05

No it won't control the plug ins - think only digi hardware will do that but I may be wrong.... whats this mouse?

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/05/28 10:14

There's few different ones on the market - some are designed for video editing, but some are also for specific audio/DAW type applications. Here's a link to an example, but a google on "mouse jog wheel" will bring up lots of options. Some of these also have pre-programmable buttons, so can be quite useful. A friend of min uses this one & swears by it

http://store.apple.com/ie/product/T7579LL/A?fnode=home/shop_mac/mac_accessories/mice_keyboards&mco=NzA2NjM1&p=1&s=topSellers

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/05/29 07:06

Checked it out, looks a beefy little fella! Your friend uses this for controlling plugs? Which ones?

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ZV Yoda - 2008/06/03 07:45

I checked with him over the week-end. He just uses it as a jog wheel with PTLE. Hasn't tried it with plug-ins, but seems to think it "should" work

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by bbain - 2008/06/08 15:42

A dumb but related question since I just snagged a BCF2000 off eBay for \$65. The firmware had been updated so it's working in BHUI mode and PTLE 7 recognizes it. Moving the slider with the mouse and watching the real one move is somewhat surreal!

Question: The emulation guide indicates that some of teh button, etc. have dual functions depending on whether the shift function is engaged. I've looked through just about everything I can find and I haven't found any mention of how to engage the shift function. Any help greatly appreciated.

Bill (stepping up next week from mBox and PTLE 7 to a mBox2 Pro and PTLE 7.4 -- can't wait for it to arrive!)

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by ILLZILL - 2008/06/20 15:08

Hello everybody

New to PT n just got a BFC2000 to go along with my mbox2 running 7.4 cs5 now i was just wondering do i proceed same way as a mac to instal BFD2000 I do not have an instruction booklet n Berhinger's Customer service really does suck so here i am...

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Re:Can I use Behringer BCF2000 with Pro Tools 7.4L

Posted by noiseboy55 - 2008/06/24 13:21

Hey there illzill - read back through this thread, there should be all the info you need on setting up your BCF with all the links etc for firmware.

I remember also doing previous threads on this hardware, so try searching the forum.

Good luck and if you get really stuck, just drop me a line.

:woohoo:

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