

Loudness and Export Checklist

A practical pre-export checklist for rough masters, client previews and release prep.

Before Export

- Check start/end markers.
- Check muted tracks and automation.
- Listen through the transition into the final chorus/drop.
- Confirm the master is not clipping unexpectedly.

Loudness Habit

- Use a loudness meter, but do not chase one magic number.
- Compare references at matched loudness.
- If the limiter kills the kick, fix the mix before pushing louder.

File Versions

- Export a full mix WAV.
- Export an MP3 for quick sharing if needed.
- Export instrumental, acapella or stems when collaborators need them.
- Name versions clearly with date and revision number.

Real-World Checks

- Headphones.
- Phone speaker.
- Laptop speaker.
- Car or bass-heavy system.
- Low-volume playback.

