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CAFÉ 1.5.8
Release notes

Important information about features, compatibility and known issues

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CAFÉ Release notes

Thank you for choosing a Lab.gruppen product for your sound reinforcement and processing needs. Please read these notes to become familiar with the contents and currently known issues in this release. CAFÉ is a system design tool and a complementary control software for D Series and PLM+ range of products.

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For further details regarding operation, please refer to the appropriate manual included in this release. As well, please visit our support portal at:
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Please also refer to Lab.gruppen's YouTube channel for updates on tutorial videos know as CAFÉ COACH.
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeiaPYZpqGR8YpR9J7aeqcP8qYvqSS-qz

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Release v1.5.8 – 2025-01-02

This release of CAFÉ is updated to support the firmware released with Lake Controller v8.1.5.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.8	X	v1.5.8-1-gb76c205
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.26	X	v0.1.6-26-g5b620afa
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.8	X	v1.5.8-1-gb76c205
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.26	X	v0.1.6-26-g5b620afa
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Compatibility & Support

Products

This version supports all D Series Lake/PLM+/PLM with the firmware from:

Product	Minimum firmware version	In release
D Series Lake	5.50	Lake Software v8.1.5
PLM+ Series	5.50	Lake Software v8.1.5
PLM Series	5.85	Lake Software v8.1.5

Important notes:
- Any PLM+ and D Series devices with firmware pre 3.10, will not be found by CAFÉ 1.4.X.
- TESIRA devices are not supported from CAFÉ 1.4.X.

Project files

CAFÉ 1.5.X can open project files stored in CAFÉ 1.2.X, CAFÉ 1.3.X and 1.4.X. Project files stored in CAFÉ 1.1.X and previously need to be opened and re-stored in a CAFÉ 1.2.X or CAFÉ 1.3.X before they can be opened in CAFÉ 1.4.X and later.

New features and resolved issues

CAFÉ v1.5.8
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.1.5 software suite.
- Default files include new Turbosound speakers.

CAFÉ v1.5.7
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.1.4 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.5.6
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.1.3 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.5.5
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.1.2 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.5.4
- Fixed an issue which made discovered online amplifiers to appear as “Virtual”.

CAFÉ v1.5.3
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.1.0 software suite.

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CAFÉ v1.5.2
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.0.2 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.5.1
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.0.1 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.5.0
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v8.0.0 software suite.
- PLM 8K44 support is added
- Default files include updated Turbosound Manchester speakers and new TQ models. *Note that previously stored files will not automatically contain these models.*

CAFÉ v1.4.5
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v7.0.7 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.4.4
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v7.0.0 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.4.3
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v6.8.5 software suite.
- Default files include new Turbosound Manchester speakers M212, M212-XV, M215 and MS218. *Note that previously stored files will not automatically contain these models*.

CAFÉ v1.4.2
- Updated version to work with Lake Controller v6.8.2 software suite.

CAFÉ v1.4.1
- The formatting of the impedance sweep export .CSV files is improved to make them more easily imported into analysis software.

CAFÉ v1.4.0
- PLM 5K44 support is added
- PLM+ models are now available in ESP
- New Export feature for impedance sweeps
- The synchronization of frame and computer data has been completely reworked into a real-time synchronization of the parameters.
- When a parameter is in conflict between the computer and frame due to changes done while the devices has been Offline, a “sync conflict”-badge is added on the device and a View Sync Conflicts button is displayed top right.
- The serial number is shown as device identification instead of Frame ID.
- Power channel labels visible in both CAFÉ and Lake Controller (LC), this provides a new way of working in parallel with LC (from v6.6.0) which enables a better user flow when using CAFÉ together with LC.
    - *Power Channel Label* is what is configured for the channel name in CAFÉ when a device come from ESP.
    - For a device that does not originate from ESP, but rather via Discovery, the channel label is still a combination of the Lake module name and module output label.
- PLM 20000Q, PLM 10000Q and PLM 14000 are now available in the online views. Note that all CAFÉ functionality is not available for these legacy models.
- An Offline network selection is added.
    - If Offline network is selected, and a Project file is opened the network will still be Offline and no settings are pushed via the recall to any online devices that are in the Project file.
- No Continuous automatic save functionality
- The last opened project is not automatically opened upon starting CAFÉ.
    - If you have installed CAFÉ 1.4.0 and need to recover the last used file from 1.3.3, go to *C:\Users\{YourUserName}\AppData\Local\Cafe* and copy the file *configuration_cafe.xml* to your desired CAFÉ project file location. This is the last used file from 1.3.3 and can then be saved using a more descriptive name.
- Attenuation is now controllable from CAFÉ

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- Association of frames using *Select Me* now works by pressing *Select Me* on the physical frame (see the Operation manual for Ping). In the *Associate Frames* view this enables the association feature for all the virtual ESP frames of the same model as the physical frame. The user can then choose to associate one of these virtual frames with the selected physical frame with one click.
- Updating of views and sorting of entries is more coherent.
    - NOTE: The input for the Sorting is gathered once the view is selected. So for example, sorting on Frame temp will not be correct if the Frames view have been selected for several minutes, in this case, change view and the sorting will be correct.
- Select Network is shown upon CAFÉ startup
- Better handling of devices with incompatible FW
- TESIRA devices are no longer supported.
- The previous *Not Associated* tag is renamed to *Virtual.*
- Offline Mode selection per device is removed.
- Better error handling.
- Signal LED in Frames View is now lit if there is signal present on any of the channels.
- Anonymous usage data gathered using Google Analytics to help create a better product.
- CAFÉ is available in a Windows 32-bit and 64-bit version
- CAFÉ will now create a log and dump file that can be of help in the support of any major issue causing the application to exit unexpectedly. It is created in the following location:
    - Windows: *C:\Users\{USERNAME}\.Cafe\logs*
    - Mac: *cores/core.{pid}*
- BEL can also display an [actual] value for both Nominal current and Profile within brackets (just as LC) when the selected Desired value cannot be achieved in that hardware.
- The Impedance sweep view does no longer display the LoadPilot low and high frequency

Known issues

Key	Description
FROD-522	Anti-Virus software may cause performance degradation. Please try to deactivate any Anti-Virus SW if experiencing performance issues.
FROD-263	The publish indicator in Amp Locations view is not updated when mapping is changed.
FROD-273	Scrolling in Sync-conflict popup will scroll in Frame view when sync-window is at end.
FROD-266	Reset does not clear placement.
FROD-233	Automap gives a bit different result if done Global VS Room (also when there only is one room).
DS-781	Load pilot with a high-ohm speaker may not work
DS-777	When linking a new zone cable length limitations is not updated and stuck at 0. Attempts to enter a longer length is noted red and not accepted. Workaround: Prior to linking the new zone first add a LSP template (with enough allowed cable range).
DS-714	Impedance sweep with an entered cable impedance exceeding the measured impedance still displays a positive impedance curve
DS-419	Search field filtering does not work in ESP views

LoadPilot monitoring design recommendations

The LoadPilot feature is capable of accurately monitoring the connected load and detects failures on loudspeakers and cabling. LoadPilot can be configured to fulfill the loudspeaker surveillance part in compliance to EN54-16 and other similar voice evacuation standards. For accurate surveillance of loads:

- The CAFÉ automatic or manual calibration sequence and enabling needs to be performed.

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- The loudspeaker’s impedance at the pilot tone frequency needs to be stable and between 1.4 ohm and 400 Ohms.
- The connected load consists of
    - a single loudspeaker
    - or two loudspeakers in parallel (detection of single failure)
    - or any number of loudspeakers in series
    - or two parallel coupled identical “chains of loudspeakers in series”. (detection of single chain failure)
- The cable impedance needs to be less than 33% of the connected impedance at the pilot tone frequencies.
- For transformer/hi-impedance speakers there is a higher risk that the impedance at the pilot tone frequencies is not stable and varying with e.g. temperature and transformer saturation. For demanding applications sometimes only one tone is usable and sometimes End of line devices and blocking capacitors need to be used.

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Release History

Release v1.5.7 – 2024-11-18

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.7	X	v1.5.7-1-g6573a27
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.24	X	v0.1.6-24-gecd24839
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.7	X	v1.5.7-1-g6573a27
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.24	X	v0.1.6-24-gecd24839
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.5.6 – 2024-09-18

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.6	X	v1.5.6-0-g7bd3512
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.23	X	v0.1.6-23-gf3c4692c
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.6	X	v1.5.6-0-g7bd3512
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.23	X	v0.1.6-23-gf3c4692c
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.5.5 – 2024-06-19

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.5	X	v1.5.5-1-g832fd36
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.22	X	v0.1.6-22-g2e17da1f
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.5	X	v1.5.5-1-g832fd36
Frontend	1.5.0.5		v1.5.0-5-gece2aaa4
Backend	0.1.6.22	X	v0.1.6-22-g2e17da1f
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.5.4 – 2024-05-23

This release of CAFÉ fixes an issue with regards to discovered devices that appeared as virtual.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.4	X	v1.5.4-1-gc51f408
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.21	X	v0.1.6-21-g87768593
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.4	X	v1.5.4-1-gc51f408
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.21	X	v0.1.6-21-g87768593

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Tutorial	1.2

Release v1.5.3 – 2024-04-17

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v8.1.0 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.3	X	v1.5.3-0-ge3ab798
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.16	X	v0.1.6-16-gf5aa0216
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.3	X	v1.5.3-0-ge3ab798
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.16	X	v0.1.6-16-gf5aa0216
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.5.2 – 2023-12-22

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v8.0.2 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.2	X	v1.5.2-0-gb750a9c
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.15	X	v0.1.6-15-g1e031e8c
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.2	X	v1.5.2-0-gb750a9c
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.15	X	v0.1.6-15-g1e031e8c
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.5.1 – 2023-10-06

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v8.0.1 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.1	X	v1.5.1-0-ge9a4a49
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.14	X	v0.1.6-14-g8618a26e
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.1	X	v1.5.1-0-ge9a4a49
Frontend	1.5.0.4		v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778

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Backend	0.1.6.14	X	v0.1.6-14-g8618a26e
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Release v1.5.0 – 2023-07-07

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v8.0.0 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.5.0	X	v1.5.0-7-gcc49d43
Frontend	1.5.0.4	X	v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.13	X	v0.1.6-13-g39b76825
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.5.0	X	v1.5.0-7-gcc49d43
Frontend	1.5.0.4	X	v1.5.0-4-g46f1c778
Backend	0.1.6.13	X	v0.1.6-13-g39b76825
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.4.5 – 2022-03-03

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v7.0.7 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.5	X	v1.4.5-14-gb327d171
Frontend	1.4.2.3	X	v1.4.2-3-gb327d171
Backend	0.1.6.6	X	v0.1.6-6-g14d4f823
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.5	X	v1.4.5-14-gb327d171
Frontend	1.4.2.3	X	v1.4.2-3-gb327d171
Backend	0.1.6.6	X	v0.1.6-6-g14d4f823
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.4.4 – 2020-07-03

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v7.0.0 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.4	X	v1.4.4-0-g6e83881
Frontend	1.4.2.0		v1.4.2-0-g88d52399
Backend	0.1.5.0	X	v0.1.5-0-g91147ce8e
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.4	X	v1.4.4-0-g6e83881
Frontend	1.4.2.0		v1.4.2-0-g88d52399
Backend	0.1.5.0	X	v0.1.5-0-g91147ce8e
Tutorial			1.2

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Release v1.4.3 – 2019-12-19

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v6.8.5 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.3	X	v1.4.3-1-ge5e0217
Frontend	1.4.2.0	X	v1.4.2-0-g88d52399
Backend	0.1.4.0	X	v0.1.4-0-g6d790549f
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.3	X	v1.4.3-1-ge5e0217
Frontend	1.4.2.0	X	v1.4.2-0-g88d52399
Backend	0.1.4.0	X	v0.1.4-0-g6d790549f
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.4.2 – 2019-07-02

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds compatibility with the firmware included in the Lake Controller v6.8.2 software suite.

Software and firmware components in this installer

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.2	X	v1.4.2-2-gd976d20
Frontend	1.4.1.1	X	v1.4.1-1-ga2a099b0
Backend	0.1.2.238	X	v0.1.3-0-g3ceb22aef
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.2	X	v1.4.2-2-gd976d20
Frontend	1.4.1.1	X	v1.4.1-1-ga2a099b0
Backend	0.1.2.238	X	v0.1.3-0-g3ceb22aef
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.4.1 – 2018-05-15

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds better formatting of the Impedance Sweep Export output file.

Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.1	X	1.4.1-4-g9ab45e4
Frontend	1.4.1.1	X	1.4.1.1-ga2a099b
Backend	0.1.2.238	X	0.1.2.238-gcefabe0
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.1	X	1.4.1-4-g9ab45e4
Frontend	1.4.1.1	X	1.4.1.1-ga2a099b
Backend	0.1.2.238	X	0.1.2.238-gcefabe0
Tutorial			1.2

Release v1.4.0 – 2017-12-21

This is a major release of CAFÉ with significant changes under the hood regarding device synchronization as well as adding PLM+ series to ESP. The ESP workflow with Lake Controller is also improved by adding the Power Channel Label feature.

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Component	Version	New	Full Version Information
CAFÉ (Windows)	1.4.0	X	1.4.0.127-gb4fbdb9
Frontend	1.4.0.254	X	1.4.0.254-gddad3d6
Backend	0.1.2.235	X	0.1.2.235-g013f2c9
CAFÉ (Mac)	1.4.0	X	1.4.0.127-gb4fbdb9
Frontend	1.4.0.254	X	1.4.0.254-gddad3d6
Backend	0.1.2.235	X	0.1.2.235-g013f2c9
Tutorial			1.2

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Release v1.3.3 – 2017-04-10

This release of CAFÉ has an updated loudspeaker template database.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.3.3.3	X	Commit #1922436
Tutorial	1.2		

Release v1.3.2 – 2016-12-15

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds support for the new D Series Slimline products as well as numerous improvements and bug fixes aimed at all users.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.3.2.4	X	Commit #e398bc6
Tutorial	1.2		

Release v1.3.1 – 2016-11-03

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds support for the new D series Slimline products as well as numerous improvements and bug fixes aimed at all users.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.3.1.22	X	Commit #63db341
Tutorial	1.2		

Release v1.3.0 – 2016-09-28

This is a release of CAFÉ that adds support for the new D series Slimline products as well as numerous improvements and bug fixes aimed at the Tesira user.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.3.0.194	X	Commit #e5d82c8
Tutorial	1.2		

Release v1.2.0 (9471) – 2015-06-22

This is a public release of CAFÉ with new features, bug fixes and performance enhancements. This release adds RPM Auto mode for easy integration with Lake presets. The release also contains performance enhancements and extended control functionality for the LoadPilot feature.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.2.0 9471	X	
Tutorial	1.2	X	

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Release v1.1.0 – 2015-03-23

This is a public release of CAFÉ and a patch update to v1.0.0. This release adds RPM Auto mode for easy integration with Lake presets. The release also contains performance enhancements and extended control functionality for the LoadPilot feature.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.1.0 9208	X	
Tutorial	1.1	X	

Release v1.0.0 – 2014-12-12

This is a public release of CAFÉ and the first version that combines support for D Series Tesira as well as D Series Lake/PLM+ and the ESP feature for all of them.

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	1.0.0 8947	X	

Release v0.6.0 – 2014-09-09

Public release for D Series Tesira

Component	Version	New	Comment
CAFÉ	0.6.0 (8153)	X	

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