NC PHONE BEAT MANUAL

Version 0.3.1 · Android 9.0+

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INSTALL THE BETA

Phone Beat is in public beta. Download the APK from the app page or the releases page, open it on an Android 9.0+ device, and allow installs from the browser. The beta is debug-signed: uninstall any older debug build before installing a new one.

PADS AND BANKS

Sixteen pads, four banks (A–D). Switch banks without stopping playback. Pads respond to touch size for velocity and support hold and roll. The pad header shows the loaded sample and its colour.

THE STEP GRID

Each row is a pad and each column is a step. Tap a cell to place a hit. Long-press to edit velocity, ratchet, probability, swing and flam for that step. The grid scrolls past 16 steps, so a four-bar pattern reads as one line.

- Ratchet divides a step into 2–8 repeats.
- Probability is a percentage per step.
- Swing is global with a per-step offset.
- Record captures pad performance quantised to the grid.

SYNTHS

Four onboard synths cover sub, stab, lead and noise. Each has a small macro set rather than a full synth page: tune, shape, drive and level. They sequence from the same grid as samples.

FX AND MIX

The mix tab has level, pan, tune and a send per pad. The shared FX chain is saved with the project and travels in the .ncbeat package. Keep the master level below clipping; the phone output is the last stage.

EXPORT

Export individual stems or the full pattern as WAV, or save the project as .ncbeat for NC Studio. On import to NC Studio the pads map to tracks with their names and colours.

> Pattern length is capped at 64 steps. Song mode chains patterns but does not render a full arrangement.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- No sound after a route change: unplug/replug wired output or restart the app; Bluetooth route changes are a known beta gap.
- Install fails: uninstall the older debug build first.
- Crackling: close other audio apps and check the reported buffer size.
- Missing samples: reopen the project and confirm the kit folder was not moved.