

TRACK COMPLETION CHECKLIST

How to Know When Your Track Is Actually Finished

The Big Picture

- ☐ Is the song doing what you wanted it to do?
- ☐ Does the track achieve the emotion or feeling you intended?
- ☐ Does it suit its intended audience?
- ☐ Would you genuinely be excited to hear another DJ play this?
- ☐ Does it sound like your music?
- ☐ Would you be proud to share this with others?
- ☐ Have you checked that it works well on a club sound system or dancefloor?

Objectivity Check

- ☐ Do you have any other ideas for the track?
- ☐ Are you improving the track or simply changing it?
- ☐ Have you taken a long enough break from hearing it to be objective again?
- ☐ Have you stopped noticing small imperfections because you've heard it too many times?
- ☐ If you started over today, would you make the same decisions?

Feedback

- ☐ Have you asked producers you trust for honest feedback?
- ☐ Have you asked friends or family you trust for honest feedback from non-producers?
- ☐ Did multiple people point out the same issue?
- ☐ Have you addressed the feedback given?

Release Readiness

- ☐ Would you still be proud of this track six months from now?
- ☐ Would you send this to your favourite label?
- ☐ Would you send this to your favourite DJ?
- ☐ Would you regret not releasing it?

Final Reality Check

- ☐ Is the track 95% finished, with only tiny improvements left? Remember, it may never feel like 100%.
- ☐ Could another three hours realistically make it significantly better?
- ☐ Are you avoiding releasing this track because of fear rather than quality?
- ☐ If this track were released tomorrow, would your future self be happy with that decision?
- ☐ If you started a brand-new track tomorrow, would you know exactly how to make that one significantly better?
- ☐ Is your time better spent moving on to another track at this point?
- ☐ **Remember: Perfection doesn't exist.**