Beat Grid vs Waveform

How to get it right as a beginner

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The waveform —

The actual sound of the track. The coloured peaks are the beats. This is what you trust.

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The beat grid —

The white lines Rekordbox adds to mark each beat. It's a guess, and it often gets it wrong.

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Don't trust the grid —

If the white lines don't sit on the peaks, Rekordbox has guessed wrong.

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Line up the coloured waveforms —

Match the peaks of the two tracks by eye, not the white lines.

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Switch to RGB colours —

Go to Settings → View → Colour and change it from 3-Band to RGB.

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Why RGB? —

It makes the beats much clearer to see. A great trick for beginners.

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The default is 3-Band —

Rekordbox starts on 3-Band, so check this on any laptop you use.

Watch the video
See the grid vs the waveform, and the RGB trick.
vimeo.com/1249478566