The "ISSA Check List": What IS AI?

Keep this table on your studio wall. If the tool does any of these things, it will likely flag as AI on detector software or metadata tags.

If the tool...	Example	Is it AI?
Generates lyrics or melody from a text prompt	ChatGPT, Suno, Udio	**YES (High Risk)**
Performs a vocal or instrument for you	AI Voice clones, Sample packs with AI vocals	**YES (High Risk)**
Learns from data to make a creative choice	AI Mastering, AI Chord Suggestions	**YES (Low/ Medium Risk)**
Separates vocals from stems (Demucs, RipX)	Stem Splitters	**YES (Medium Risk)**
Edits your existing pitch/timing	Melodyne, Auto-Tune (Manual mode)	**NO**
Plays a sound because you hit a MIDI key	Synthesizers, Drum Machines	**NO**
Adds reverb or EQ to your track	Standard effects plugins	**NO**