APVTS Updates & Thread/Realtime Safety

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The thread 0x6894 has exited with code 0 (0x0).
Performance count for "postMessage" over 1000 run(s)
Average = 81 microsecs, minimum = 13 microsecs, maximum = 47 millisecs, total = 81 millise
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So generally very fast but with a few long delays. Any improvements to the methodology for testing this welcome! I did this in juce_Timer.cpp just because it was a handy place that calls postMessage a lot:

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I found Juce code using AsyncUpdater on the audio thread is troublesome on windows.
Updating an AudioProcessorGraph was the problem in my case. I don't use APVTS, but I think the same problems could happen.
Things became troublesome during faster-than-realtime bounces in some hosts.
Depending on how many plugins want to use the Message Queue at the same time, things can really go awry and bouncing is probably the worst moment for new issues to happen.

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How long is an audio buffer?