Nektar Panorama P1

Nektar Panorama P1 MIDI Controller User Manual

Model: Panorama P1

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1. Product Overview

The Nektar Panorama P1 is a comprehensive MIDI controller designed for deep integration with Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs). It offers extensive control over your music production software through a variety of assignable controls, including encoders, faders, and buttons, complemented by a clear color display for visual feedback.



Figure 1: The Nektar Panorama P1 MIDI Controller. This image displays the top panel of the device, highlighting its array of nine faders, sixteen endless encoders, numerous buttons for transport and function control, and a central 3.5-inch color TFT display. The Nektar logo is visible on the left, and "PANORAMA P1" is printed on the right side of the control surface.

The Panorama P1 is built for performance and creativity, providing a solid feel and detailed visual feedback to streamline your workflow.

2. Setup Guide

2.1 Unpacking and Contents

Carefully unpack your Nektar Panorama P1. Ensure all components are present:

- Nektar Panorama P1 MIDI Controller
- USB Cable
- Documentation (this manual)

2.2 System Requirements

The Panorama P1 is compatible with PC and Mac operating systems. Specific DAW integration requires the respective software to be installed on your computer.

- **Hardware Platform:** PC/Mac
- **Supported Software:** Cubase, Reason, Bitwig Studio, Logic Pro (with Nektar integration files)
- **Connectivity:** USB port

2.3 Connecting the Panorama P1

1. Connect one end of the supplied USB cable to the USB port on the Panorama P1.
2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to an available USB port on your computer.
3. The Panorama P1 is USB class compliant and typically does not require additional drivers for basic MIDI functionality. For deep DAW integration, Nektar provides specific integration files which should be downloaded from the official Nektar website and installed according to their instructions.
4. Once connected, the device will power on, and the display will illuminate.

3. Operation

The Panorama P1 offers extensive control capabilities. Understanding its layout and modes is key to maximizing its potential.

3.1 Control Surface Layout

The Panorama P1 features a comprehensive set of controls:

- **Nine 45mm Faders:** For mixer channels, instrument parameters, or other assignable functions.
- **Sixteen Endless Encoders:** For continuous parameter adjustments.
- **Eight LED Buttons:** Often used for mute/solo or other toggle functions.
- **Eleven Transport Buttons:** Dedicated controls for playback, record, stop, fast forward, rewind, loop, etc.
- **Twenty-Two Navigation Buttons:** For browsing, track selection, and menu navigation.
- **Eleven F-Keys Buttons:** Assignable function keys (F1-F11) for custom commands.
- **One Assignable Foot Switch Socket:** For connecting an external foot pedal (not included) for additional control.
- **3.5" Color TFT Display:** Provides detailed visual feedback on parameters, modes, and menus.

3.2 DAW Integration

The Panorama P1 is designed for deep integration with several popular DAWs, including Bitwig Studio, Cubase, Logic Pro, and Reason. This integration allows the controller to automatically map its controls to your DAW's mixer, instruments, and effects, providing a seamless workflow.

- **Mixer Control:** Faders and encoders can control mixer channels, volume, pan, sends, and inserts.
- **Instrument Control:** Parameters of virtual instruments can be mapped to the encoders and faders for hands-on sound design.
- **Transport Control:** Dedicated buttons manage playback, recording, and navigation within your project.
- **Visual Feedback:** The color display shows parameter names and values directly from your DAW, eliminating the need to constantly look at your computer screen.

Refer to the specific Nektar integration guide for your DAW for detailed setup and usage instructions.

3.3 Control Assignment and Presets

The Panorama P1 allows for extensive customization of its controls:

- **Control Edit Menu:** Access this menu to quickly select a control and assign a specific MIDI command. You can scale values, reverse control direction, and assign specific or global MIDI channels for each control.
- **Presets:** The device can store up to 20 user presets, allowing you to save different control configurations for various setups or DAWs.
- **F-Keys Maps:** F-keys can be individually saved and loaded, offering over 1200 combinations for custom commands and macros.

4. Maintenance

Proper care will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Nektar Panorama P1.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to clean the surface of the controller. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes, as these can damage the finish and electronic components.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the Panorama P1 in a clean, dry environment, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and excessive dust.
- **Handling:** Avoid dropping the device or subjecting it to strong impacts. Do not place heavy objects on top of the controller.
- **Liquid Exposure:** Keep liquids away from the device. In case of accidental spills, immediately disconnect the power (USB cable) and allow the unit to dry completely before reconnecting. If a significant amount of liquid enters the device, seek professional service.

5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Panorama P1, try the following steps:

- **Device Not Recognized:**
  - Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the Panorama P1 and your computer.
  - Try a different USB port on your computer.

- Try a different USB cable.
- Restart your computer.
- Check your computer's Device Manager (Windows) or System Information (Mac) to see if the device is listed.

- **Controls Not Responding in DAW:**
  - Verify that the Panorama P1 is selected as a MIDI input device in your DAW's preferences.
  - Ensure that the correct Nektar DAW integration files are installed and configured according to Nektar's instructions for your specific DAW.
  - Check if the Panorama P1 is in the correct mode for DAW control (e.g., Mixer, Instrument, or Transport mode).
  - Confirm that MIDI channels are correctly assigned if you are using custom mappings.
- **Display Issues:**
  - If the display is blank, ensure the device is powered via USB.
  - If the display shows incorrect information, try cycling through the modes or restarting the device.

For further assistance, please refer to the Nektar support website or contact their customer service.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Panorama P1
Brand	Nektar
Connectivity Technology	USB
Hardware Platform	PC/Mac
Supported Software	Cubase, Reason (with deep integration for Bitwig Studio, Logic Pro)
Controls	9x 45mm Faders, 16x Endless Encoders, 8x LED Buttons, 11x Transport Buttons, 22x Navigation Buttons, 11x F-Keys Buttons
Display	3.5" Color TFT Display
Assignable Foot Switch Socket	1
Dimensions (Approximate)	Compact, approximately the size of a 17" laptop
Color	Black

7. Warranty and Support

7.1 Warranty Information

The Nektar Panorama P1 comes with a **1-Year Warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing

defects and ensures the product functions as intended under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
For detailed terms and conditions of the warranty, please refer to the official Nektar website or contact Nektar customer service.

7.2 Customer Support

For technical support, product registration, or further inquiries, please visit the official Nektar website:

www.nektartech.com/support

The website provides access to FAQs, driver downloads, integration files, and contact information for customer service.

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