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NTRODUCTION

The Arturia MiniLab MkII is a high-quality, feature-packed portable MIDI controller designed to provide hands-on access to your virtual studio sounds. It offers versatile controls, seamless integration with software, and comes with a comprehensive software package to facilitate music creation.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Arturia MiniLab MkII Universal MIDI Controller
- USB Cable
- Software Download Cards/Instructions (for Analog Lab Lite, Ableton Live Lite, UVI Grand Piano Model D)

KEY FEATURES

- 25 Velocity-Sensitive Slim Keys: Compact yet expressive keyboard for musical input.
- 16 Multi-Function Encoders: 16 rotary encoders, including 2 clickable, for precise control over software parameters.
- 8 Multi-Color Pads: 2 banks of 8 high-quality, velocity and pressure-sensitive pads with RGB backlighting for drumming, launching clips, and more.
- Pitch and Modulation Touch-Strips: Capacitive touch sensors for expressive pitch bend and modulation control.
- Octave Up/Down Buttons: Easily shift the keyboard's octave range.
- USB-Powered: Convenient power via USB, ideal for portable use.
- Software Integration: Comes with Analog Lab Lite, Ableton Live Lite, and UVI Grand Piano Model D
 for immediate music production.
- Durable Design: Lightweight yet rugged construction, built for reliability.

SETUP GUIDE

1. Hardware Connection

Connect the MiniLab MkII to your computer using the provided USB cable. The device is USB-powered and does not require an external power supply. Ensure a stable connection to a USB port on your computer.



Image: The Arturia MiniLab MkII MIDI controller shown connected to a laptop via its USB cable, illustrating a typical setup for music production.

2. Software Installation

The MiniLab MkII includes a suite of software. Follow the instructions provided in the box to register your product and download the included software:

- Analog Lab Lite: A vast collection of classic synth, piano, organ, and string machine sounds.
- Ableton Live Lite: A digital audio workstation (DAW) for recording, arranging, and mixing your music.
- UVI Grand Piano Model D: A high-quality virtual grand piano instrument.

Install the Arturia MIDI Control Center application. This software allows for customization of the controller's settings, including pad colors and velocity curves.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Keyboard Keys

The 25 velocity-sensitive slim keys respond to how hard you press them, allowing for expressive playing. Use the Octave Up/Down buttons to shift the keyboard's range across multiple octaves.



Image: A close-up, top-down view of the Arturia MiniLab MkII, highlighting the 25 keys, 16 rotary encoders, and 8 pads.

Performance Pads

The 8 multi-color pads are velocity and pressure-sensitive. They can be used for triggering drums, samples, or launching clips in your DAW. The pads are organized into two banks (1-8 and 9-16), accessible via the 'Pad 1-8/9-16' button, effectively providing 16 assignable pads.

The RGB backlighting of the pads can often be customized via the Arturia MIDI Control Center to reflect different functions or statuses.

Rotary Encoders

The 16 rotary encoders (knobs) can be assigned to control various parameters in your software, such as volume, pan, filter cutoff, or effect sends. Two of these encoders are clickable, offering additional control options.

Pitch and Modulation Touch-Strips

Instead of traditional wheels, the MiniLab MkII features two capacitive touch-strips for pitch bend and modulation. Slide your finger along these strips to apply expressive changes to your sound.

Shift Button

The 'Shift' button provides access to secondary functions for many of the controls, expanding the versatility of the MiniLab MkII without adding clutter.

Official Product Video

Video: An official product video showcasing the features and use cases of the Arturia MiniLab MkII 25 Slim-Key Controller, demonstrating its portability and various controls in action.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Cleaning: Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the controller. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Storage: Store the MiniLab MkII in a dry, dust-free environment. When not in use, consider covering it to prevent dust accumulation.
- Handling: Handle the device with care to prevent damage to the keys, pads, or encoders.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Device Not Recognized

- Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the MiniLab MkII and your computer.
- Try connecting to a different USB port on your computer.
- Restart your computer and the MiniLab MkII.
- Verify that the necessary drivers (if any, though often class-compliant) and the Arturia MIDI Control Center are installed and up to date.

Pads or Keys Not Responding

- Check your DAW or software settings to ensure the MiniLab MkII is selected as the active MIDI input device.
- Confirm that the correct MIDI channel is selected on the MiniLab MkII and matches your software.
- If pads are double-firing or unresponsive, check for firmware updates via the Arturia MIDI Control Center.

Software Not Launching/Working

- Ensure all included software (Analog Lab Lite, Ableton Live Lite, UVI Grand Piano Model D) is correctly installed and activated according to Arturia's instructions.
- Check for software updates for your DAW and virtual instruments.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

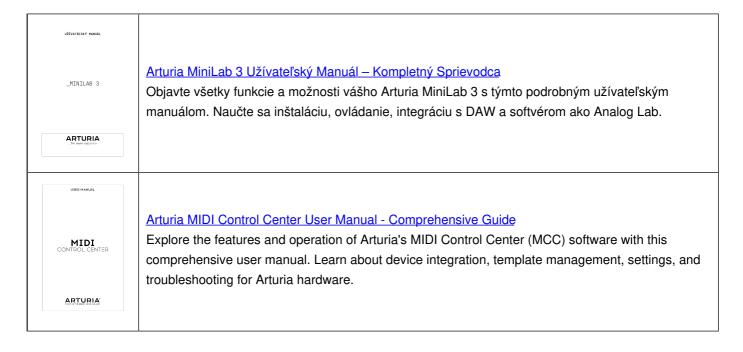
Feature	Detail
Model Name	MiniLab MkII
Number of Keys	25 (Slim, Velocity-Sensitive)
Pads	8 Multi-Color, Velocity & Pressure-Sensitive (2 banks for 16 total)
Encoders	16 Rotary Encoders (2 clickable)
Touch-Strips	Pitch Bend and Modulation
Connectivity	USB, Sustain Pedal Input
Power	USB Bus-Powered
Dimensions	14 x 9 x 1.5 inches
Item Weight	3.2 pounds
Compatible Devices	PC, Mac
Material Type	Rubber (for some components)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Arturia MiniLab MkII comes with a 2-year warranty, ensuring reliability and peace of mind for your music production needs.

For technical support, software activation issues, or further assistance, please visit the official Arturia support website or consult the documentation provided with your product.

Related Documents - MkII



_MINILAB 3	Arturia MiniLab 3 User Manual: Features, Operation, and Setup A comprehensive guide to the Arturia MiniLab 3 MIDI controller, covering features, installation, DAW integration, Analog Lab setup, and advanced operations for music production.
MINILAB MINILA	Arturia MiniLab MkII User Manual User manual for the Arturia MiniLab MkII universal MIDI controller, detailing its features, setup, Analog Lab Lite integration, and MIDI Control Center software.
USER'S MANUAL MINILAB mkil UNIVERSAL MIDI CONTROLLER ARTURIA*	Arturia MiniLab mkII Universal MIDI Controller User Manual Comprehensive user manual for the Arturia MiniLab mkII, a 25-key velocity-sensitive MIDI controller. Covers hardware overview, setup with Analog Lab Lite, MIDI Control Center usage, and legal information.
USER MARIAL _MINILAB 3 ARTURIA	Arturia MiniLab 3 User Manual: MIDI Controller Guide Comprehensive user manual for the Arturia MiniLab 3, a 25-key MIDI controller keyboard. Learn about installation, features, operation, Analog Lab integration, and DAW control.