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Model: T6 | Brand: Nektar

INTRODUCTION

The Nektar Panorama T6 is a powerful and versatile MIDI keyboard controller designed for seamless integration with Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs). It offers a comprehensive set of controls, including a 61-note synth-action keyboard with aftertouch, 8 super-sensitive pads, and various assignable knobs and faders, providing an intuitive and expressive workflow for music production.

This manual provides detailed instructions on setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your Panorama T6 to help you maximize its potential in your studio or live performance setup.

SETUP

1. Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the Panorama T6 from its packaging. Ensure all components listed in the "What's in the Box" section are present. Inspect the unit for any signs of damage during transit.

- Panorama T6 Keyboard
- USB Cable
- User Manual (this document)
- Bitwig Studio 8-Track Licence card

2. Physical Connections

Connect the Panorama T6 to your computer using the supplied USB cable. The USB connection provides both power and data transfer. If using external pedals, connect them to the dedicated Foot Switch and Expression Pedal jacks on the rear panel.



Figure 1: Rear panel connections of the Nektar Panorama T6, including USB, MIDI Out, Foot Switch, and Expression Pedal inputs.

- **USB Port:** For power and data connection to your computer.
- **Foot Switch Jack:** Assignable for sustain or other functions (pedal not included).
- **Expression Pedal Jack:** For continuous control (pedal not included).
- **MIDI Output:** For connecting to external MIDI hardware.
- **On/Off Switch:** To power the unit on or off.

3. Software Installation and Firmware Update

For full functionality, it is crucial to install the necessary drivers and software. Visit the official Nektar website to download the latest drivers and firmware for your operating system (Windows or Mac OS X). Firmware updates are not supported on Linux. Follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

The Panorama T6 includes a license for Bitwig Studio 8-Track. Register your product on the Nektar website to access this software and other bundled content.

OPERATING THE PANORAMA T6

The Panorama T6 offers extensive control over your music production environment. Familiarize yourself with its key features and controls.



Figure 2: Overview of the Nektar Panorama T6's main controls and layout.

1. Keyboard and Pads

- **Keys:** The 61-note synth-action keyboard features aftertouch for expressive control.
- **Pads:** 8 super-sensitive pads with pressure response. Ideal for drumming, triggering samples, or launching clips.
- **Chord Mode:** Trigger up to 6 notes from a single key or pad.
- **Hold Mode:** Sustains played notes until deactivated, useful for sustained sounds or legato playing.

2. Note Repeat

The Note Repeat function is an inspiring performance tool, allowing real-time control over trigger rate, accent, swing, and gate. Separate settings can be applied for keys and pads. Activate or deactivate at any time using the dedicated repeat buttons. It can also sync to an external clock source. Velocity can be controlled via pressure or the modulation wheels.

3. Nektarine Software

Nektarine provides instant access to Nektar plugin control within any VST/VST3/AU DAW. It allows you to customize mapping or create new plugin maps from scratch. You can browse patches directly from the Panorama T6's display. Nektarine also supports layering up to 8 VST/VST3/AU plugins with mix control for volume, pan, mute, solo, and selection.

4. DAW Control

Nektar provides deep DAW integration for popular software including Bitwig, Cubase, GarageBand, Logic, Unendow, Reason, Reaper, and Studio One. The Panorama T6 is also MCU compatible, allowing control of most other MIDI music software. This integration enables hands-on control of transport, mixer, and instrument parameters directly from the

controller.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Panorama T6.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the unit. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by a dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the Panorama T6 in a clean, dry environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Consider using a dust cover to protect the keys and controls.
- **Firmware Updates:** Regularly check the Nektar website for new firmware updates. Keeping your firmware up-to-date ensures you have the latest features and bug fixes.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Panorama T6, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Unit Not Powering On:** Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the Panorama T6 and your computer. Try a different USB port or cable.
- **Not Recognized by Computer/DAW:**
 - Verify that the correct drivers are installed.
 - Check your DAW's MIDI settings to ensure the Panorama T6 is enabled as an input device.
 - Restart your computer and the Panorama T6.
- **Keys/Pads Not Responding:**
 - Ensure the unit is powered on and connected.
 - Check the MIDI channel settings on the Panorama T6 and in your DAW.
 - If specific keys or pads are unresponsive, a hardware issue might be present.
- **DAW Integration Issues:**
 - Ensure you have installed the specific Nektar DAW integration files for your software.
 - Refer to the Nektar website for detailed setup guides for each supported DAW.

If you continue to experience issues, please visit the Nektar support website for further assistance or to contact their technical support team.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Panorama T6
Number of Keys	61 (Synth-action with aftertouch)
Pads	8 (Super-sensitive with pressure)
Connectivity Technology	MIDI, USB
Hardware Interface	USB
Compatible Devices	Computer (Windows, Mac OS X, Linux)

Supported DAW Software	Bitwig, Cubase, GarageBand, Logic, Reason, Reaper, Studio One (with Nektar integration)
Item Weight	15.58 pounds
Product Dimensions	38.58 x 11.02 x 3.15 inches
Color	Black

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Nektar products are designed for reliability and performance. For information regarding warranty coverage, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Nektar website.

For technical support, product registration, and access to the latest drivers and documentation, please visit the Nektar Technology website. You can typically find support contact information, FAQs, and community forums there.

Website: www.nektartech.com