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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Product Overview

The Novation Launchpad X is an essential 64-pad MIDI grid controller designed for music creation and performance, particularly with Ableton Live and Logic Pro. It features large, super-sensitive RGB pads, dynamic note and scale modes, and integrated mixer controls to enhance your workflow.

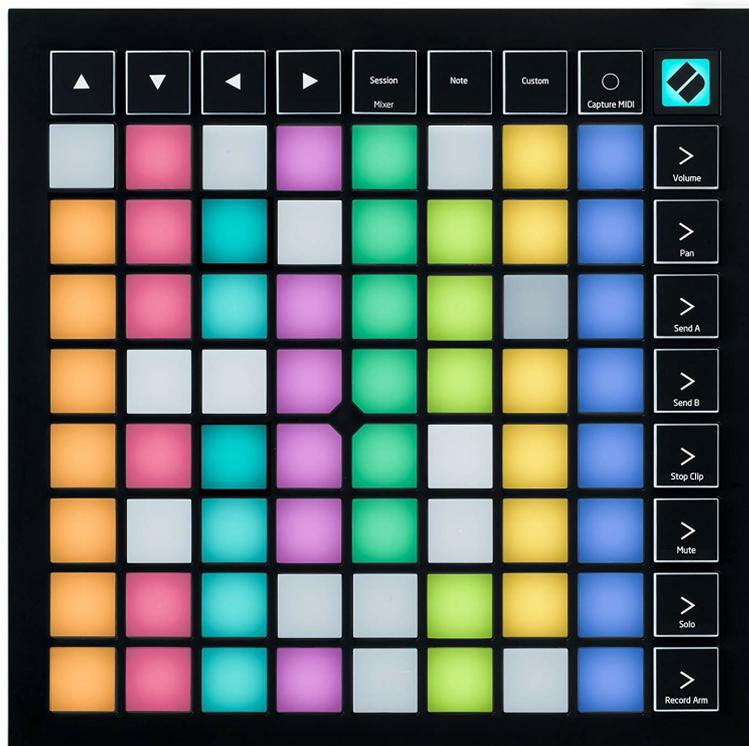


Image: Novation Launchpad X MIDI Grid Controller, top-down view.

What's in the Box

- Launchpad X MIDI Grid Controller
- USB-C to USB-A Cable
- Safety Information Sheet

Unboxing Video

Video: A user unboxes the Launchpad X, showcasing its contents and initial setup.

Setup

1. **Connect to Computer:** Use the provided USB-C to USB-A cable to connect your Launchpad X to your computer. The device is bus-powered, so no external power supply is needed.
2. **Software Installation:** The Launchpad X integrates seamlessly with Ableton Live. Register your device on the Novation website to access included software, including Ableton Live Lite and Novation Components. Novation Components allows for custom MIDI mappings.
3. **Driver Installation:** No drivers are typically required for basic functionality; simply plug and play.



Image: The Launchpad X connected to a laptop, ready for use.

Operating

The Launchpad X offers various modes and controls for dynamic music production and live performance.

Dynamic and Expressive Playing

The large RGB velocity- and pressure-sensitive pads provide a perfect reflection of your Ableton Live or Logic Pro session, matching colors from the session window to your Launchpad X. This allows for expressive playing of instruments and drums.



Image: A musician interacts with the Launchpad X, demonstrating its dynamic and expressive playing capabilities with illuminated pads.

Ableton Live Integration

Quickly launch clips and scenes, access mixer, device, and transport controls, and quantize, duplicate, and double, all without touching your mouse. The Capture MIDI feature ensures you never lose an idea, even if you didn't hit record.



Image: The Launchpad X is shown in a studio setup, seamlessly integrated with Ableton Live on a laptop.

Dynamic Note & Scale Modes

Effortlessly play in-key basslines, melodies, chords, and leads. The Launchpad X automatically displays your drum rack on the grid when drumming, and allows easy exploration, building, and playing of complex chords directly from the grid.



Dynamic Note & Scale Modes

Effortlessly play perfectly in-key basslines, melodies, chords and leads. Launchpad X even knows when you're drumming and shows your drum rack on the grid. Easily explore, build and play complex chords straight from the grid; quickly find new harmonies to boost your track creation.

Image: The Launchpad X pads illuminate in various colors, indicating different notes and scale modes.

Four Custom Modes

Utilize Novation Components software to customize MIDI mappings and control almost any aspect of your music software. These four custom modes allow you to tailor the grid controller to your specific needs.



Image: The Launchpad X is shown with its pads configured for custom modes, highlighting its adaptability.

Mixer Controls

Essential performance controls are a single button-press away, including stop, solo, mute, record arm, and setting levels, pans, and sends.

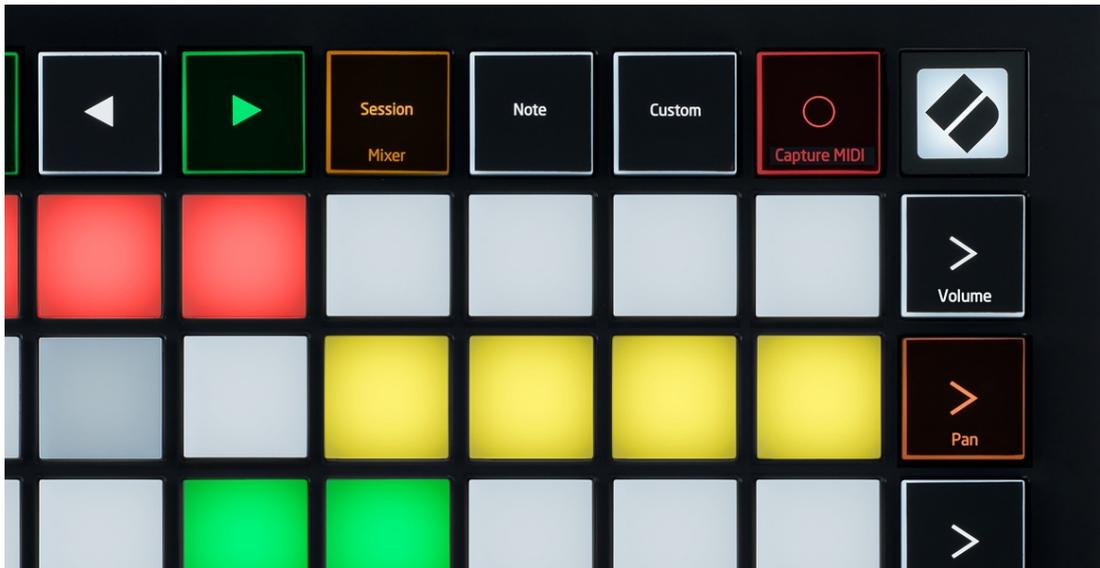


Image: The Launchpad X displays its mixer control layout, with dedicated buttons for various functions.

Product Overview Video

Video: An overview of the Novation Launchpad X features and functionality.

Launchpad X Features Video

Video: A detailed look at the various features and capabilities of the Launchpad X.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surface of the Launchpad X. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the device in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Handle with care to prevent damage to the pads and internal components. Avoid dropping the device or placing heavy objects on it.

Troubleshooting

- **Device Not Recognized:**
 - Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the Launchpad X and your computer.
 - Try a different USB port or cable.
 - Restart your computer and the Launchpad X.
- **Pads Not Responding:**
 - Check your software settings (Ableton Live, Logic Pro) to ensure the Launchpad X is selected as a MIDI input device.
 - Verify that the correct mode (Session, Note, Custom) is active on the Launchpad X.
- **Software Issues:**
 - Ensure your music production software is up to date.
 - Visit the Novation support website for specific software integration guides and updates.

Specifications

Model Name	Launchpad X
Item Model Number	AMS-LAUNCHPAD-X
Item Weight	1.94 pounds
Product Dimensions	9.45 x 9.45 x 0.79 inches
Number of Keys/Pads	64
Connectivity Technology	USB-C, MIDI
Hardware Interface	USB
Compatible Devices	PC
Supported Software	Ableton, Logic, HUI
Operating System	Mac OS, Windows OS
Special Feature	Velocity Sensitive Pads, Stop, Solo, and Mute Controls; Portable, and Lightweight

Warranty

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the official Novation website or the warranty card included with your product. Novation typically offers a limited warranty covering manufacturing defects.

Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to download the latest software and firmware updates, please visit the official Novation support website:

[Visit the Novation Store on Amazon](#)

You can also find FAQs and community forums on the Novation website for peer support and common queries.

