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MODEL: OCTATRACK Mk2

Brand: E-Lektron

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Elektron Octatrack MKII is a powerful 8-track performance sampling workstation and sequencer. It redefines how sounds are transformed, interacted with, and played. This device functions as a stereo sampler, processor, and live looper, integrated with a robust sequencer and workstation workflow. It offers versatile audio manipulation capabilities, including real-time pitch shifting and time stretching. The Octatrack MKII is designed to empower artists, DJs, and producers with innovative, high-quality tools for creative sound design and live performance.



Figure 1.1: Elektron Octatrack MKII top view.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all instructions carefully before operating the device.
- Keep the device away from water or moisture.
- Do not expose the device to extreme temperatures.
- Use only the specified power adapter.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the device. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Ensure proper ventilation to prevent overheating.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Elektron Octatrack MKII Unit
- Power Adapter (12VDC 2A)
- USB Cable
- Instruction Manual

4. SETUP

4.1 Power Connection

Connect the provided 12VDC 2A power adapter to the '12VDC 2A' port on the rear panel of the Octatrack MKII. Plug the adapter into a suitable power outlet. Use the power switch to turn the unit on or off.

4.2 Audio Connections

The Octatrack MKII features balanced audio inputs for higher headroom and better sound quality. Connect your audio sources to the 'Inputs C, D, L, R' jacks. Connect your monitoring system or mixer to the 'Main Out L, R' and

'Cue Out L, R' jacks. Headphones can be connected to the dedicated 'Headphones' jack.

4.3 MIDI and USB Connections

For MIDI control, connect your MIDI devices to the 'MIDI In', 'MIDI Out', and 'MIDI Thru' ports. Use the 'USB' port to connect the Octatrack MKII to a computer for data transfer and integration with software.



Figure 4.1: Rear panel showing power, USB, MIDI, and audio connections.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Octatrack MKII is designed for intuitive operation with its clear OLED screen and dedicated function buttons.

5.1 Basic Navigation and Display

The OLED screen provides clear visibility and easy navigation in any setting. Use the high-resolution precision encoders and rugged backlit buttons to navigate menus, adjust parameters, and trigger functions.



Figure 5.1: Close-up of the OLED screen and control knobs.

5.2 Sampling and Audio Manipulation

The Octatrack MKII features eight stereo audio tracks for versatile performance. Utilize real-time pitch shifting and time stretching for flexible audio manipulation. Choose between several custom machines—static, flex, thru, neighbor, pickup—to suit your sample recording, manipulation, and effects processing needs for each of the eight tracks.

5.3 Sequencing

An onboard 16-track sequencer (8 internal, 8 MIDI) provides comprehensive control over your sounds and external gear. Use the dedicated function buttons for efficient workflow and precise sequencing.

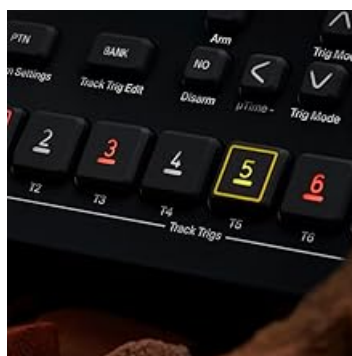


Figure 5.2: Detail of the sequencer buttons and layout.

5.4 Crossfader and Performance Controls

The ultra-smooth contactless crossfader allows for precise performance control, enabling seamless transitions and dynamic sound morphing during live sets. High-resolution precision encoders ensure accurate adjustments at all times.



Figure 5.3: Close-up of the contactless crossfader.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Octatrack MKII, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- Clean the unit regularly with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Keep the device free from dust and debris.
- Store the unit in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid placing heavy objects on top of the device.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Octatrack MKII, try the following basic troubleshooting steps:

- **No Power:** Ensure the power adapter is securely connected to both the device and a working power outlet. Verify the power switch is in the 'ON' position.
- **No Sound:** Check all audio cable connections. Ensure volume levels are appropriately set on the Octatrack MKII and your monitoring system. Verify correct routing of audio tracks.
- **MIDI Not Responding:** Confirm MIDI cables are correctly connected (In to Out, Out to In). Check MIDI settings on both the Octatrack MKII and your external MIDI devices.
- **Screen Issues:** If the OLED screen is not displaying correctly, try restarting the device.

For more complex issues, refer to the full Elektron Octatrack MKII user manual available on the manufacturer's website or contact customer support.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Octatrack MKII
Item Model Number	Octatrack Mk2
Brand	E-Lektron
Manufacturer	Elektron
Body Material	Metal
Item Weight	2.3 Kilograms (5.06 pounds)
Color	Black
Connector Type	USB

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

9.1 Return Policy

This product is eligible for a 30-day return policy from the date of purchase. Please refer to your retailer's specific return terms and conditions.

9.2 Protection Plan

Optional protection plans, such as a 4-Year Protection Plan, may be available for purchase separately to extend coverage beyond the standard warranty.

9.3 Customer Support

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or warranty claims, please visit the official Elektron website or contact their customer support directly. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or in the product packaging.