Alesis V61 MKII

Alesis V61 MKII USB MIDI Keyboard Controller User Manual

Model: V61 MKII

Introduction

The Alesis V61 MKII is a versatile USB-powered MIDI controller designed for electronic music production. It provides essential tools for creating music, from initial concepts to final performances, suitable for both home studios and professional environments.



Image: Front view of the Alesis V61 MKII USB MIDI Keyboard Controller, showcasing its 61 keys, pads, and control knobs.

Key Features

- **61 Full-Size, Velocity-Sensitive, Synth-Action Keys:** Provides a responsive playing experience.
- **8 Velocity-Sensitive Backlit Pads:** With Full Level and Note Repeat controls for dynamic beat production.
- **4 MIDI-Assignable Knobs:** For controlling virtual instruments and DAW parameters.
- **Octave and Transpose Buttons:** To access the full keyboard range.
- **Pitch Bend and Modulation Wheels:** For expressive performance.

- **Arpeggiator with 6 Modes:** For generating unique melodies and inspiring creativity.
- **USB-Powered:** Simple plug-and-play operation with PC, Mac, or iOS devices (via adapter).
- **Software Suite Included:** Comes with MPC Beats and 60 piano lessons from Melodics.
- **6.35mm Sustain Pedal Input:** For added control.

USB-MIDI PRODUCTION

FROM START TO FINISH



61 FULL-SIZE, VELOCITY-SENSITIVE, SYNTH-ACTION KEYS

Image: A person using the Alesis V61 MKII keyboard controller connected to a computer, demonstrating its use in a music production setup.

COMPLETE CONTROL

1. 4 ASSIGNABLE KNOBS
2. ARPEGGIATOR & NOTE REPEAT
3. OCTAVE UP/ DOWN BUTTONS
4. PITCH & MODULATION WHEELS
5. SUSTAIN PEDAL INPUT



Image: Close-up of hands interacting with the velocity-sensitive, LED-backlit pads on the Alesis V61 MKII, highlighting their use for beat making.

CREATE ON THE MOVE





WORKS WITH IOS DEVICES

via Apple Lightning to USB Camera Adapter
(sold separately)

LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN

for easy portability

Image: A visual breakdown of the Alesis V61 MKII's controls, including assignable knobs, arpeggiator, octave buttons, pitch/modulation wheels, and sustain pedal input.

Setup

Connecting Your V61 MKII

The Alesis V61 MKII is a class-compliant USB device, meaning it does not require special drivers for most operating systems.

1. Connect the V61 MKII to your computer using the supplied USB cable. The unit is USB-powered, so no external power adapter is needed.
2. For iOS devices, use an Apple Lightning to USB Camera Adapter (sold separately).
3. (Optional) Connect a 6.35mm sustain pedal to the SUSTAIN input for added expressive control.



Image: The Alesis V61 MKII connected to an iOS device, demonstrating its compatibility and portable design.



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Image: A hand connecting a sustain pedal to the 6.35mm sustain input on the side of the Alesis V61 MKII.

Software Installation

Your V61 MKII includes a software suite to get you started with music production.

- **MPC Beats:** A premium Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) for creating and producing music.
- **Melodics:** Provides 60 free piano lessons to help you learn and improve your playing skills.
- **MIDI Editor Software:** Allows for full customization of the controller's settings.

Refer to the included download card for instructions on how to access and install your software.



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Image: Overview of the professional software suite included with the Alesis V61 MKII, featuring MPC Beats and Melodics lessons.

Operating Your V61 MKII

Keys and Pads

The 61 full-size, velocity-sensitive keys respond to how hard you play, allowing for dynamic musical expression. The 8 velocity-sensitive, backlit pads are ideal for drumming, triggering samples, and creating beats. Use the **Full Level** button to ensure all pad hits are at maximum velocity, and the **Note Repeat** button for rhythmic effects.

Knobs and Wheels

The 4 assignable knobs can be mapped to various parameters within your DAW or virtual instruments, such as volume, pan, filter cutoff, or effects send. The Pitch Bend and Modulation wheels provide real-time control over pitch and other expressive parameters.



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Image: Close-up of the four assignable knobs on the Alesis V61 MKII, showing their illuminated rings and tactile design.

Arpeggiator

The built-in arpeggiator can generate rhythmic patterns from held notes. It features 6 modes to create diverse musical phrases. Consult the user guide for detailed instructions on arpeggiator settings and modes.

Octave and Transpose

Use the Octave Up/Down buttons to shift the keyboard's range up or down, providing access to a wider note range than the physical keys. The Transpose function allows you to shift the pitch of the entire keyboard by semitones.

Maintenance

- Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Protect the V61 MKII from extreme temperatures, humidity, and direct sunlight.

- Disconnect the USB cable when the unit is not in use for extended periods.

Troubleshooting

No Sound from the Controller

- Ensure the V61 MKII is properly connected via USB and powered on (indicated by illuminated pads/buttons).
- Verify that your DAW or software is correctly configured to receive MIDI input from the "Alesis V61 MKII" device. Check MIDI settings within your software.
- Make sure a virtual instrument or sound source is loaded and active in your software.
- Check the volume levels in your software and on your audio output device.

Keys or Pads Not Responding Correctly

- If velocity response is inconsistent, adjust the velocity curve settings using the Alesis MIDI Editor software.
- Ensure no other MIDI devices are conflicting with the V61 MKII's input.

Software Not Recognizing the Controller

- Restart your computer and the V61 MKII.
- Reinstall the necessary drivers or software components if prompted by the manufacturer's instructions.
- Check for any available firmware updates for the V61 MKII on the Alesis website.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	V61 MKII
Number of Keys	61 (Velocity-Sensitive, Synth-Action)
Pads	8 Velocity-Sensitive, LED-Backlit Pads (Full Level, Note Repeat)
Knobs	4 Assignable Knobs
Wheels	Pitch Bend, Modulation
Arpeggiator	Yes (6 Modes)
Connectivity	USB 2.0 (Type B), 6.35mm TS Sustain Pedal Input
Power	USB Bus-Powered

Feature	Detail
Dimensions (L x W x H)	38.4 x 9.6 x 3.6 inches (97.5 x 24.4 x 9.1 cm)
Weight	7.72 pounds (3.5 kg)
Compatible Devices	USB-compatible computers (Windows 7-10; MacOS High Sierra-Big Sur), iOS devices (with Apple Lightning to USB Camera Adapter)

What's in the Box

- Alesis V61 MKII Keyboard Controller
- USB Cable
- User Guide
- Safety & Warranty Manual
- Software Download Card

Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please visit the official Alesis website or contact their customer service. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.
Alesis Support Website

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