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AKAI Professional MPK Mini Play MK3 & M-Audio HDH40 User Manual

Comprehensive Guide for Your MIDI Keyboard Controller and Studio Headphones

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the AKAI Professional MPK Mini Play MK3 MIDI Keyboard Controller and the M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones. The MPK Mini Play MK3 is a compact, versatile instrument designed for music production, offering both standalone functionality with built-in sounds and USB MIDI controller capabilities. The M-Audio HDH40 headphones are engineered for high-quality audio monitoring, providing clear sound reproduction for studio and general listening use.



Image: The AKAI Professional MPK Mini Play MK3 MIDI Keyboard Controller shown alongside the M-Audio HDH40 Studio Headphones, illustrating the complete product package.

Setup

MPK Mini Play MK3 Initial Setup

The MPK Mini Play MK3 can be used as a standalone instrument or as a MIDI controller connected to a computer.

Powering the Device:

- **Battery Power (Standalone):** For portable use, insert 4 AA batteries (not included) into the battery compartment on the underside of the unit. Ensure correct polarity.
- **USB Power (Computer/Mains):** Connect the included USB cable from the MPK Mini Play MK3's USB port to an available USB port on your computer or a USB mains adapter (not included). The unit will power on automatically.

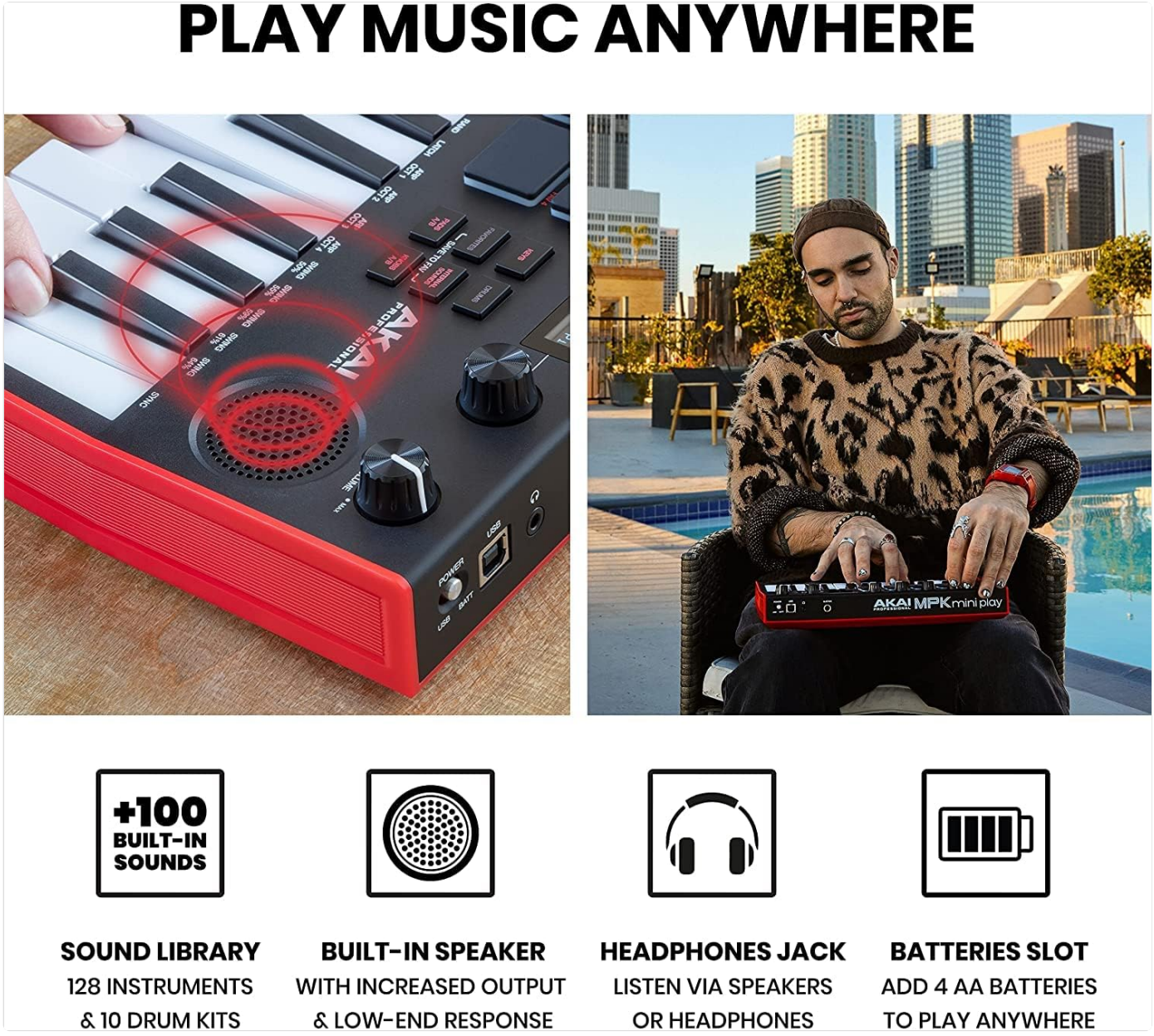


Image: A close-up view of the MPK Mini Play MK3's rear panel, showing the USB port, headphone jack, and the location of the battery compartment, highlighting connectivity options.

Connecting to a Computer (MIDI Controller Mode):

1. Connect the MPK Mini Play MK3 to your computer using the USB cable.
2. Install any necessary drivers or software as prompted by your operating system or as directed by the Akai Professional website.
3. Open your Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) software (e.g., Ableton Live, MPC Beats).
4. Configure your DAW's MIDI settings to recognize the MPK Mini Play MK3 as an input device.



Image: A diagram illustrating the USB connection from the MPK Mini Play MK3 to a computer, emphasizing its role as a MIDI controller.

M-Audio HDH40 Headphones Setup

The M-Audio HDH40 headphones are designed for immediate use with any standard audio output.

- Locate the 3.5mm audio jack on your MPK Mini Play MK3, computer, audio interface, or other audio device.
- Plug the 3.5mm connector of the HDH40 headphones into the audio output jack.
- If your audio device requires a 1/4-inch connection, use the included 1/4-inch adapter.



Image: A user wearing M-Audio HDH40 headphones while operating the MPK Mini Play MK3 and a laptop, demonstrating the integrated use of both products.

Operating

MPK Mini Play MK3 Operation

The MPK Mini Play MK3 offers a range of controls for creative music production.

Key Features:

- **25-Key Gen 2 MPK Mini Dynamic Keybed:** Play melodies, chords, and bass lines. The keys are velocity-sensitive, meaning the sound's intensity changes based on how hard you press.

- **OLED Display:** Provides visual feedback for navigating menus, selecting sounds, and adjusting parameters.
- **8 Velocity-Sensitive Backlit MPC Drum Pads:** Trigger drums, samples, and one-shots. These pads are also velocity-sensitive for expressive performance.
- **Arpeggiator:** Automatically plays arpeggios from held notes. Use the dedicated button to activate/deactivate and adjust settings.
- **Note Repeat:** Repeats a note or chord at a set tempo when a pad is held down.
- **4 Encoder Knobs:** Assignable to control various parameters within the unit's internal sounds or your DAW.
- **4-Way Joystick:** Controls pitch bend and modulation, allowing for expressive manipulation of sounds.



Image: A close-up of hands interacting with the MPK Mini Play MK3, highlighting the 25 mini keys, 8 MPC drum pads, 4 encoder knobs, and the 4-way joystick, demonstrating the tactile controls.

Internal Sounds:

The MPK Mini Play MK3 includes over 100 internal drum and instrument sounds. Use the OLED display and navigation buttons to browse and select sounds such as acoustic and electric pianos, synth leads, pads, and more.

Software Integration (MPC Beats):

The product includes a software suite, notably MPC Beats, a beat production application. This software provides tools for sample editing, mixing, audio recording, and supports 3rd party plugins (AU/VST). It also includes powerful synth engines like Hybrid 3, Velvet, and Mini Grand.

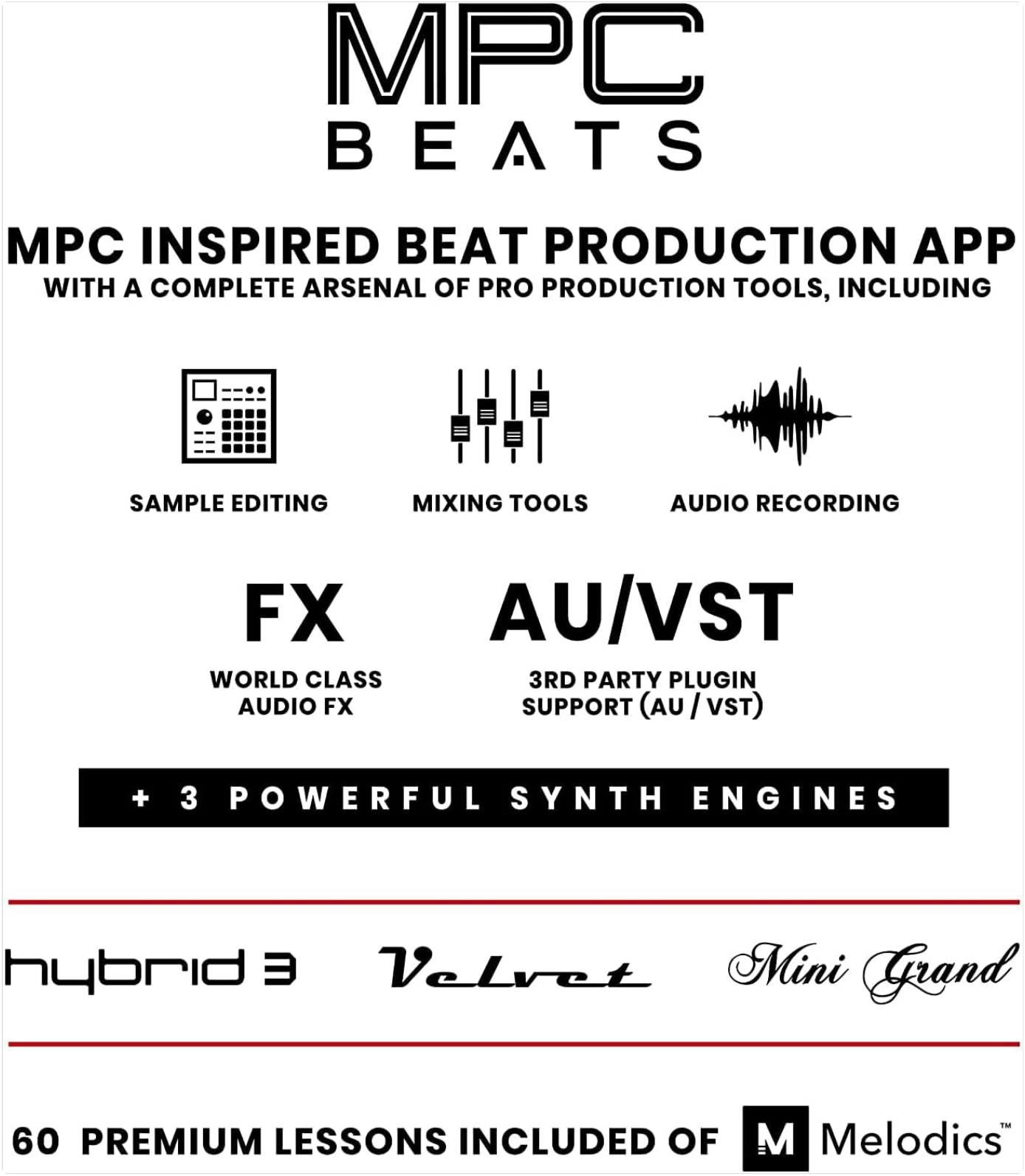


Image: A screenshot of the MPC Beats software interface, showcasing its layout and features for music production, including sample editing and mixing tools.

M-Audio HDH40 Headphones Operation

The HDH40 headphones are designed for comfortable and accurate audio monitoring.

- **Comfort and Fit:** Adjust the stainless steel telescopic arms and flexible headband for a secure and comfortable fit. The leather cushioning on the earcups provides extended comfort during long listening sessions.
- **Sound Quality:** The 40mm neodymium dynamic magnet drivers deliver high-quality sound, suitable for studio monitoring, podcasting, and general audio playback.
- **Closed-Back Design:** The closed-back design helps to isolate sound, reducing external noise interference and minimizing sound leakage.



Image: A promotional image highlighting the key features of the M-Audio HDH40 headphones, including faux leather cushioning, flexible headband, 1/4-inch adaptor, and 2.7m fixed cable.

Maintenance

MPK Mini Play MK3 Care:

- Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Protect the unit from extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, and high humidity.
- Avoid spilling liquids on the keyboard or pads.
- When not in use for extended periods, remove batteries to prevent leakage.

M-Audio HDH40 Headphones Care:

- Clean the earcups and headband with a soft, damp cloth.
- Avoid exposing headphones to moisture or extreme temperatures.
- Store headphones in a protective case or bag when not in use to prevent damage.

Troubleshooting

MPK Mini Play MK3:

- **No Power:**
  - Ensure batteries are correctly inserted and not depleted if using battery power.
  - If using USB power, check the USB cable connection and try a different USB port or power adapter.
- **No Sound from Internal Speaker:**
  - Check the volume knob on the unit.
  - Ensure a sound is selected and not muted.
- **Not Recognized by Computer/DAW:**
  - Verify the USB connection.
  - Ensure necessary drivers are installed.
  - Check MIDI input settings within your DAW.

- **Keys/Pads Not Responding:**
  - Ensure the unit is powered on.
  - Check if the correct instrument or drum kit is selected.
  - If connected to a DAW, verify MIDI routing.

M-Audio HDH40 Headphones:

- **No Sound:**
  - Ensure the audio cable is fully plugged into both the headphones and the audio source.
  - Check the volume level on your audio source.
  - Test with another audio source or another pair of headphones to isolate the issue.
- **Distorted Sound:**
  - Reduce the volume level on your audio source.
  - Ensure the audio cable is not damaged.

Specifications

Feature	Description
Model Name	MPK Mini Play MK3
Keyboard Keys	25-Key Gen 2 MPK Mini Dynamic Keybed
Drum Pads	8 Velocity-Sensitive Backlit MPC Drum Pads
Controls	4 Assignable Encoder Knobs, 4-Way Joystick (Pitch & Modulation)
Display	OLED Display
Internal Sounds	Over 100 drum and instrument sounds
Connectivity	USB (MIDI), 3.5mm Headphone Output, Sustain Pedal Input
Power	USB Bus Power or 4 AA Batteries (not included)
Compatible Devices	Mac, PC
Headphones Model	M-Audio HDH40
Headphone Driver Size	40mm Neodymium Dynamic Magnet
Headphone Design	Over-ear, Closed-back
Headphone Cable Length	2.7m Fixed Cable
Headphone Connector	3.5mm with 1/4-inch Adapter

Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Akai Professional and M-Audio websites. Product registration may be required to activate your warranty.

Online resources often include FAQs, driver downloads, software updates, and user forums which can provide additional

assistance.

- Akai Professional Support
- M-Audio Support

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